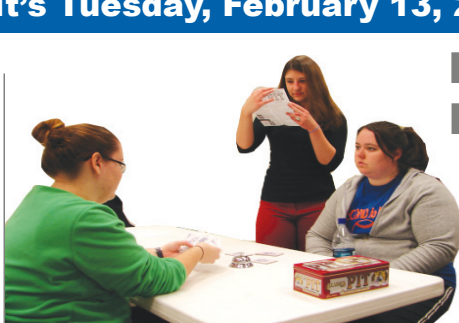




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## Athletics wants fee increase

*Director: Sports programs falling behind for lack of funding*

Will York

Few people disagree with the UTM Athletic Department's desire for winning sports teams and better facilities. But what could cause contention is how they want to pay for them.

Director of Athletics Phil Dane wants students to help pay for what he calls "desperately needed improvements." He proposed a \$50-per-semester student fee increase at the meeting of the Student Government Association Senate on Thursday.

SGA President James Orr referred the proposal to the Procedures Committee, who will report findings of its research to the full Senate in March.

Already, students pay \$104 every semester in an athletic activity fee, which comprises 43 percent – the biggest chunk – of students' \$241 student activity fee. But Dane said after ongoing state athletics funding



**Athletics Director Phil Dane said the Skyhawk baseball field is in particular need of an upgrade, which could be funded by a \$50-per-semester student fee increase to benefit athletics proposed by his office.**



Dane

weighing his options, he said the only option was to petition SGA for a fee increase.

The UT Board of Trustees

decreases, the burden for competitive teams has to come from somewhere. After

approved a \$27 athletics fee increase in June 2004.

In a list of reasons why students should support a fee increase, Dane said increases to athletics fees have not kept pace with tuition increases; ticket sales do not provide adequate funding; UTM's athletic facilities are inferior to other Ohio Valley Conference schools; and NCAA policies have led to increased recruiting

requirements.

Dane said his department has tried other ways to fund athletics programs, but attempts to generate more private funding and other efforts have all fallen short. He said a \$50-per-semester fee increase, which would net \$582,000 per year, will fund \$120,000 in new assistant coach salaries, and three new positions in the department. Dane said money generated by the fee would not pay for any student-athlete scholarships.

In addition to assistant coach positions, the fee would fund an assistant sports information director, an athletics internship coordinator—which Dane said would benefit students from all academic programs—and a marketing assistant. Dane said UTM teams need more than \$60,000 for travel and \$45,000 in additional recruiting funds.

If SGA votes to increase student athletics fees, UTM would have the most expen-

sive athletics fee among non-bowl-playing football teams in Tennessee. If UTM raises its fee to \$154, the second most expensive fees would be from UT Chattanooga, which has a \$120 fee. However, Dane noted East Tennessee University has already proposed to increase their fee to \$200 per student each semester, but would raise the fee gradually.

But Dane said UTM students would pay more than other students at Tennessee schools because UTM's enrollment is lower than any other NCAA Division I college in the state. After UTM's 2006 enrollment of 5,968 students, next from the bottom was Austin Peay, with 7,443.

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**Online Extra:**  
View Dane's presentation and PDF's of Senate legislation at [www.utmpacer.com](http://www.utmpacer.com)

## Orange, Blue ... and Green

### SPECIAL REPORT

Will York

The UTM chapter of the American Democracy Project wants a touch of green with the Orange and Blue.

UTM's American Democracy Project's latest effort focuses on sustainable development, the idea that economic and human development need not be counter environmental protection.

The American Democracy Project (ADP) is a civic engagement collaboration of more than 200 colleges attempting to drive community involvement.

Mike McCullough, American Democracy Project director, held a meeting of 16 faculty and staff members Feb. 2 with the goal of setting a course for a UTM sustainability advocacy group. Their brainstorming session led to four goals: sustainability in buildings, in the university's mission, collaboration with off-campus organizations and optimization of current "green" efforts.

McCullough said the newly formed group will likely lobby to get LEED certification for UTM's approved student recreation center. LEED certification, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental

Design, outlines requirements for making a building environmentally friendly, including vegetative green roofs and efficient energy and water use.

The group also discussed bringing sustainability into workshops, posing sustainability questions to UTM chancellor candidates, fostering sustainable economic development projects and continuing universitywide biofuels awareness.

Additionally, the group discussed incorporating sustainability into classrooms by creating interdisciplinary courses on sustainable development.

McCullough said ADP's push for sustainability stems from last year's Earth Day events, sponsored by the ADP.

"Several faculty members have been talking about (sustainable development) for a while now, and we decided now would be a good time to do something about it."

He added while UTM has made more effort in recent years to boost recycling and environmental awareness, UTM still lags behind other similar institutions nationwide.

And McCullough said students are welcome – and needed – to help in the initiative. The faculty, staff and students in the group have homework, too. They are reading about sustainability in higher education in an attempt to bring green development to Martin.

Since sustainable development has taken off in the business world, McCullough said it is important students play a part in making sustainability a reality—while learning something in the process.

"Economic development does not occur in a vacuum," McCullough said. "It has to occur in a resource base. That resource base is finite, so sustainability is necessary for development to be prolonged."

The group's next meeting, open to the entire campus, will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21 in UC 206A.

## Respiratory illnesses, stomach viruses hit students

Jenny Perry

Local clinics are seeing many cases of respiratory illnesses, such as the flu.

Shannon Deal, R.N., and director of Student Health Services, said the number of people they see with these problems have been varying from day to day.

"Earlier in the week we saw several students that were suffering from a stomach virus; however, we have not seen any in two days," Deal said. "As for the flu, several students have tested positive. The major-

ity of our patients have had respiratory related illnesses." Deal said they have also seen students with strep throat and infectious mononucleosis.

Viruses and bacteria cause illnesses such as influenza, pneumonia, sinus infections, upper respiratory infections and bronchitis. She says that the weather does not have anything to do with people getting sick, contrary to many peoples way of thinking.

"Respiratory viruses are spread from person to person through cough-

ing or sneezing of people with influenza," Deal said. "Although not as common, it is possible to become infected by touching your mouth and nose after you have touched something with flu viruses on it. So it is possible to come into contact with the virus in class. In order to prevent the spread of illness, a student should not attend class if he has a fever."

The flu is caused by the influenza virus and causes mostly upper respiratory problems.

The symptoms of the flu

are dry coughing, congestion, aches, a high fever, sore throat, runny nose and exhaustion.

"Complications of the flu include ear infections, dehydration, sinus infections, bacterial pneumonia. Influenza can also lead to worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, or congestive heart failure. The flu can also lead to death especially in the elderly and young children. Stomach viruses can lead to dehydration,"

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HEATHER ROLAND / The Pacer

**Shannon Deal, director of Student Health Services, listens to the breath sounds of a patient, who suspects she may have a respiratory bug.**

### TUESDAYWEATHER

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Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a low of 15. Thursday, cloudy then sunny with a high of 29 and low of 14.

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**Need a tissue?**

Every year, on average, **20%** of U.S. citizens contract the flu.



Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention



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Our View

Editorial: Lighting issues at UTM

Some students at UTM despise walking across campus at night, because the entire campus is dark. We know that SGA has begun legislation about campus lighting, but why should people have to talk about it? We didn't realize it was that hard to change a few light bulbs and add a few lights.

Also, trying to find a red safety phone around campus is like trying to play a game of Where's Waldo.

SGA and the campus could probably remedy both situations by putting lights next to the safety phones.

Another idea would be painting the safety phones another color besides a dark red. White or yellow would make the phones stand out more than the darkest color the university can find.

The Pacer also thinks that the sidewalks could use a little drainage system to keep students from wading through a foot of water

when walking to class. We know that when major construction or improvements are made on campus, they have to be approved. However, can the university not install lights by themselves?

Safety is and should be the main concern for the campus, and we're glad that SGA is taking the initiative to make UTM's environment safer. But how much

red tape does our campus have to go through to change the lighting and red phones?

The most important thing The Pacer hopes for is that the campus lighting evaluation won't take years to complete. It only takes 15 minutes to walk across campus at any point, so this shouldn't be a hard task to complete.

We hope that this issue doesn't turn into a bad joke that begins, "How many people does it take to change a light bulb?"

Lighting and safety issues should be quickly remedied

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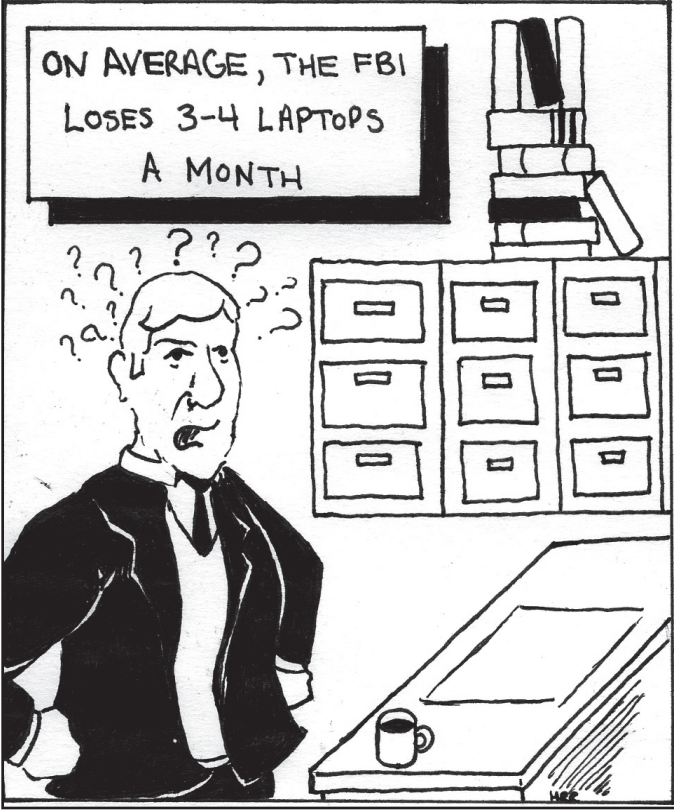
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Question: Do you agree with the decision to continue holding classes on Feb. 1 and 2 in midst of wintery weather?

YES Total Percent: 17 Total Votes: 34

NO Total Percent: 78 Total Votes: 152

Don't Care Total Percent: 5 Total Votes: 10

\*Results from Pacer Online Poll: www.utmpacer.com

Friends don't let friends attend class while sick

It seems like everyone is sick on campus. It's either a cold, stomach bug or sinus. During the winter months, our immune system is weak because we're holed inside our rooms.

Someone once told me that college students can spread sickness around like rats. If one person has the flu, it's only a matter of time before the entire dorm becomes infected. People should practice good hygiene habits to keep from spreading germs everywhere.

The first piece of advice I want to give everyone is to cover your mouth when you cough. I don't want to see the spit and snot fly out of your mouth and land on my history notes. That is disgusting and juvenile. Sometimes a sneeze or a cough will catch you off guard, but for the love of all that's pure and sanitary at least make some attempt to keep your air-borne bacteria to yourself.

Second piece of advice is to wash your hands. It's scary the amount of germs that are spread from objects we use all the time. The telephone receiver you just picked up and placed on your ear probably has germs. How many people do you think have touched the mouse you're using in the computer lab?

Thirdly, students should try to eat healthier than the occasional piece of lettuce they have on their sub.



Elizabeth Watts Executive Editor

A poor diet can cause a person's immune system to drop drastically. If students eat right and exercise, they'll be less likely to get sick. If you eat more than pizza, you won't be laying in bed shivering while you wait for the Nyquil to put you into a medicine-induced coma.

The final piece of advice I have is that if you're really sick, don't come to class! I don't want to catch whatever illness you have festering in your body.

In any given class, I hear a random chorus of sniffs, coughs and throat clearing. Sometimes it's so loud that I can barely hear my professor lecturing.

I'm not saying that students should stay home any time they don't feel good. Sometimes, you just have to suck it up and force yourself to go to class. However, if you're having explosive diarrhea and volatile vomiting, I don't care to bear witness to that little catastrophe.

So, if you're sick, please use a little common sense and decide whether it's safe for you to come to class. I don't have any insurance and I don't need you infecting me.

Letter from the Chancellor: Weather, class cancelation

Dear Pacer:

I read with interest your news story, editorial and column regarding the non-cancellation of classes last Thursday and Friday after a 1-inch snow Wednesday night and the additional 1-inch of snow early Friday morning. These are agonizing decisions that require the careful weighing of the safety of faculty, staff and students against the delivery of educational services that students pay to receive. These decisions are not taken lightly.



Dunagan

In this case, the grounds crew, Tim Nipp, director of the physical plant, and Al Hooten, vice-chancellor for finance and administration, all assessed the situation in the early hours of the days in question, and I approved the recommendation to hold classes. I would make the same decision today. Students, faculty and staff have to assess their individual situation as it relates to the time, distance and condition of the secondary roads they travel. No one should venture out into a situation that is dangerous because of their unique location. Our faculty members do an excellent job of working with students who can't get to class because of road conditions.

The very last thing we want to do is create a dangerous condition. On the other hand, we can't overreact. I recognize that all students, K-16, love to get out of class for snow, ice or any number of reasons. Public Safety reported no car accidents or personal injuries as a result of falls on campus for the days in question. This administration pledges to seriously weigh the safety of our campus community in everything we do as a University. Let's hope that the snow and ice are over for the season, but if either of these conditions comes again and classes are not cancelled, then I urge extreme caution as we carry on our important educational mission.

Nick Dunagan, Chancellor  
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# Beyond the cliché: Global Warming real on all fronts

The buzz of the week has been the snow! It was an unexpected visitor for me, because I'd been so busy with the semester that I'd not watched the news or the weather. I'm not sure what sort of visitor it was for you all but I hope that everyone is accident-free and OK.

That being said, a particular topic arose from this latest bout of flurries that I thought I'd bring to you.

With this small flurry of snow, I heard a remark about global warming as I was walking into the library on Wednesday. I'm not certain if the remark was offered as a reason for the snow or a comment on the topic but I began to

think about it and decided to do a little reading on this topic.

Most of us hear "global warming" and some may mentally roll their eyes with a sigh and some of us may actually take that phrase seriously.

It is a very real problem that we, as a global community, have been facing for many years and a problem that many in government have attempted to ignore. Perhaps it's because of the expanse the problem covers or because of the word "global," people believe this to be a problem out of their hands.

So what do college students do about a "global" problem?



**Christian Ashlar**  
*Staff Columnist*

There are things that everyone can do in their own small way that will begin to make a difference. Believe it or not, every large action starts very small and builds. Few people have made large actions without the small ones.

I'm not advocating that we all take up arms and as a united campus stop global warming ourselves, as such a proposal would be rather ludicrous.

Global warming has

become such a cliché that many don't take it seriously, including our government leaders. They're still debating in committees what we should already know just by experiencing the odd weather that we have.

Summers are just a bit hotter and winters are just a bit colder, ice sheets are beginning to melt and even a 2.3 degree rise in polar temperatures is too much if it increases every year.

This problem concerns me and perhaps some are reading this thinking that they want the six minutes back that it took to do so, but I am continually astounded by the mentality that we can do whatever we want to this place we live in and

not pay the consequences, eventually.

Think about what would happen if there were no trash cans nor anyone to empty them and litter piled up on the sidewalks, then in the hallways, then classrooms, and so on. We believe that problems like this are always someone else's and therein lies the bigger problem. This sort of "buck-passing" eventually has to stop somewhere but when it does, will it be too late?

Yes, global warming is a problem and yes, there are things you can do to slow this process. Aside from the things I've listed, write a letter to your Congressperson about bills

that cut "greenhouse gases," put down the car keys and walk to the places that are reasonably within walking distance and pick up a book or two on the subject to get yourself caught up on this issue.

Joseph Romm published a book on the subject that is quite informative. Don't take the stance that our illustrious president has about the issues that affect you and turn your back on them simply because you may think they are out of your hands.

As someone once said, "think of reasons to succeed, not excuses to fail."

## One more card to carry in wallets everywhere

College students are accustomed to having to show an ID for everything. Here, we all need a Skyhawk card. Soon, we'll be adding another ID card that we have to carry.

Unless something changes before then, in May 2008 the Real ID Act will go into effect. This is the federal government's response to the fact that four of the 19 foreign hijackers on 9/11 had obtained valid U.S. driver's licenses and an attempt to keep illegal immigrants off of state welfare roles. Instead, it may be causing problems that were never intended.

Tens of millions of Americans will be forced to come up with documents such as their original Social Security cards and birth certificates, or dole out money to get new ones to do ordinary tasks.

Anxiety about voter fraud along with the worry that illegal immigrants are taking advantage of taxpayer-funded public services has prompted an increase in stiffer ID requirements.

Americans increasingly need a paper trail to qualify for some of the benefits of citizenship. But there are exceptions. Public colleges in Texas allow illegal immigrants to attend school there and pay in-state tuition rates while students who are legal American citizens of other states must pay out-of-state tuition rates. It doesn't seem quite fair.

States that have enacted the new standards are running into legal trouble, and many states are refusing to enforce the act if it becomes law. New rules that require proof of both



**Elaine Wilson**  
*Staff Columnist*

identity and legal U.S. residency have left some in Colorado unable to get a driver's license or state ID card. Without either, they had no access to financial help such as welfare or winter heating assistance, nor could they do simple things like get a fishing license.

Most Americans probably aren't aware that a bill that was designed to capture terrorists and illegal aliens is about to capture them too. And most states aren't prepared nor equipped to deal with the onslaught that will occur when every driver comes in person to renew their driver's licenses. Everyone will have to bring a set of documents proving his identity and residency, although no one yet knows which documents will be needed. Those documents will have to be verified by government databases that don't yet exist, and states will also have to create new IDs with anti-counterfeiting security features that haven't been explained yet.

As happens far too often, people leap before they think. This nation does need to tighten security but before our leaders dive headfirst into the ocean, perhaps they ought to think first about what kind of ship they'll need to bring along.

## Barbies and what 'hooaha' is all about

Do you remember the first time your parents ever had "that" talk with you? You know, the birds and the bees, when a man loves a woman, that one?

I remember the first sex-education exposure I had was in fifth grade, where the teacher used Barbie dolls to explain the female anatomy and how it worked. All the girls giggled and blushed and simply told the boys that we got to play with dolls during our session. They told us they had played with G.I Joes. Of course, we all knew what the others had talked about.

That was years ago. Every year, the sex-ed classes start younger and younger. Nowadays, it seems as if a kid knows about sex before they can read.

Here's where all of this is leading to. At a theater in Florida, they had the name of a popular play displayed on their marquee. A woman driving by with her niece saw the marquee and angrily called the manager of the theater, demanding that he change it.

Do you know what the name of the play was? "The Vagina Monologues," the play that explores that area of the female anatomy.

According to cnn.com, the lady



**Rachel Rogers**  
*A & E Editor*

called because her niece had asked her what a vagina was. When the manager asked her what she had told the girl, she replied that she was "offended that she even had to answer that question."

This started me thinking. How old was this girl? Had her parents not had "that" talk with her yet? Had she never sat in the living room while they watched CSI or even the news when they talked about sex or anything related? I really do believe that if she is old enough to ask what a vagina is, then I'm sure she's probably had some exposure to sex-ed.

Now for the good part. In order to keep from offending any other parents, the manager changed the name on the marquee from "The Vagina Monologues" to The "Hooaha Monologues." That's right. A very good, funny, popular play has now been reduced to child slang.

I know that some men apparently have names for their own private

## Anna Nicole death takes over media while Cholera just waits

There are times in life where I abhor being a journalist. This previous week is one of those bleak and dreadful moments that I cannot help but feel shame, disgust, and utter hatred with the role of media in our present-day society. Now that I have your interest and utmost attention, Anna Nicole Smith died and the whole world was watching.

Here comes the issue that no one seems to hear or know about thanks to our infotainment-based media conglomerations: there are people dying of Cholera in Africa all because war and unrest leaves them to drink infected water. Like most diseases of this caliber, the most unfortunate victims are the innocent infants and children who



**Sara McIntosh**  
*Asst. News Editor*

are completely incapable of doing anything to save themselves from taking their death into their body each time they are given a drink by their mother.

So, what is the big deal? How many of you actually saw this on a news outlet somewhere that this is a real issue in the Congo, Somalia and Zimbabwe? I'd be willing to bet that much of your news, from whatever media outlet you choose to receive it from, may have omitted this story all together due to the need for the world to focus

on an embarrassment to the human race and whatever repercussions may follow Smith's unfortunate demise in Florida.

The concept of news, in a most primitive and easy to comprehend definition, is to inform people of what is truly taking place in a market that appeals to them most. Thus, local news tends to devote much of the agenda to local issues, even if it does mean certain demographics of people are always displayed as witnesses to certain crimes or events (think of an incoherent slack-jawed rambler that saw everything but doesn't speak well enough to be understood). Consumers of the world-wide media conglomerations expect to see news that is taking on through-

out the world with as little bias as possible.

Now, you readers of this paper, are informed that there are people dying in areas of an "oldie but goodie" disease that has not been as notable in "developed countries" since 1923, according to Wikipedia. You have an obligation to demand that people throughout the world have a voice that is heard by finding these stories in the obscure and hidden realms of the media world, so that, in essence, people will learn of the fate of these suffering people and finally do something about it instead of focusing on the tumultuous life and death of another trite Playboy graduate.

## Public education on recycling essential for all Americans

My brother and his family came home to Martin for Christmas.

Culture shock quickly followed.

While many people travel during the winter holidays, my brother's family traveled halfway around the world - from Taiwan, where they have lived for a mere six months. One might think six months isn't really a long time, but apparently it's long enough for a family of five to become so entrenched in another culture that their native culture suddenly seems strange.

The biggest shock for my relatives centered upon our trash - recycling is not religiously practiced in my home or in my parents' homes. Recycling, however, is federally mandated on the island of Taiwan, so my relatives all had difficulty throwing things away.

My oldest nephew,



**Tomi M. Parrish**  
*Faculty Adviser*

Michael, complained constantly about our "disdain" for the environment. He preached the recycling gospel, we discussed global warming and other "green" issues, and I tried to explain to him that, even if we separated our trash, I knew of no recycling center nearby that would take it. Michael is only 13, but he was aghast at the lack of resources we have. Keep in mind that he spent part of his life in Dickson, but the bulk of his life has been lived in Philadelphia and now in Taiwan.

This experience with my family piqued my curiosity, so I went online and searched for international

recycling laws. I didn't find a handy-dandy complete list of countries that mandate recycling, but I did find lots of information on various initiatives occurring around the globe, particularly among Asian nations such as Taiwan and Hong Kong.

I found www.zerowasteamerica.org, which touts a federal waste management plan for the United States and offers many ideas for people to use at home to control the amount of trash they're producing.

At UTM, our greek community is sponsoring a recycling initiative during Greek Week activities Feb. 19-25. During that week, greek organizations can earn points by collecting recyclable goods and dropping them off by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the Recycling Pavilion behind the Agriculture Building

or in front of the National Guard building.

Items that can be recycled include paper, cardboard, glass bottles, plastic bottles and aluminum cans. For more information, contact Josh Isbell at 901-857-3130.

A recycling advocacy group, Second Nature, also is gaining a toehold as a campus organization. The group meets at the UC, with Dr. Lucia Florido of Modern Foreign Languages as its adviser. For more information on specific meeting times and places, contact Florido at lflorido@utm.edu, or 881-7425.

Meanwhile, my current feeble attempt at recycling involves separating all paper from the rest of the trash so I can use the paper as fuel for the fires I am regularly setting in the process of clearing my land. I'm not sure that qualifies as recycling, given that I am creating more smoke

for our already stressed atmosphere, but at least the paper isn't going into our local landfills.

I know, however, that I am not living up to my nephew Michael's expectations. I - and everyone else in the world - should be pushing our leaders to follow the example of those countries that are federally mandating better protection of our environment. We should be implementing processes at home and at work to aid in such an initiative, such as participating in the upcoming American Democracy Project meeting on sustainability, planned for 3:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in 206A UC, or joining/supporting groups like Second Nature.

We all need to be educated thoroughly on the interconnected issues of our environment, such as how recycling leads to reduced waste; how population issues affect environment

issues; how global warming affects our daily lives; how the search for alternative fuels can certainly have an impact on our society's geopolitics; and how we, by making a difference in only one of these areas of concern, may help make a real difference in all environmental concerns.

This year, my brother's family won't come home for Christmas - instead, I and my family likely will be traveling to Taiwan and experiencing our own culture shock. I hope so, anyway, particularly in the realm of how that society lives and how its people seem to have more respect than we do for family and environment.

Until then, I'll just recycle what I can and try to make my nephew proud.



# Greek Week promotes competition for a cause

Jenny Perry  
Staff Writer

There is a new competition during Greek Week this year, and this one helps promote a healthier world. What is it you ask?

Recycling. This year the greeks are to recycle any type of paper, cardboard, bottles, or cans during Greek Week to help initiate campus-wide recycling, as well as have fun competing during this week full of competitions.

Josh Isbell, a member of the Freshman Council, started this competition when he saw a friend recycling. He saw how big of a hassle it was for students to take their recyclable items home from the dorms.

"I hope this competition takes off, so that we can do it every year and bring recycling back on our campus," said Isbell.

Isbell went to Denis Kosta, custodial manager, who helped him get recycling bins and place them on campus. It was then up to Earl Wright, director of

housing, to put the bins in University Village. The bins were placed there last week. After these bins gain popularity, Wright will explore the idea of getting additional bins.

"Usage of the recycle bins in the residence halls is improving and we look forward to more participation as students encourage each other to participate in the recycling efforts. We are working with cans and paper at this time and hope to expand to plastic soon," said Wright.

The recycling project was originally going to be done with the "Second Nature," which is our recycling group on campus. The two main members of this organization are studying abroad this semester, so it will be picked back up in the fall.

Isbell was going to get the marching band involved in this project, but could not get it organized. That's when Louis Ragsdale, greek life coordinator, stepped in to help Isbell get a points system set up and start the

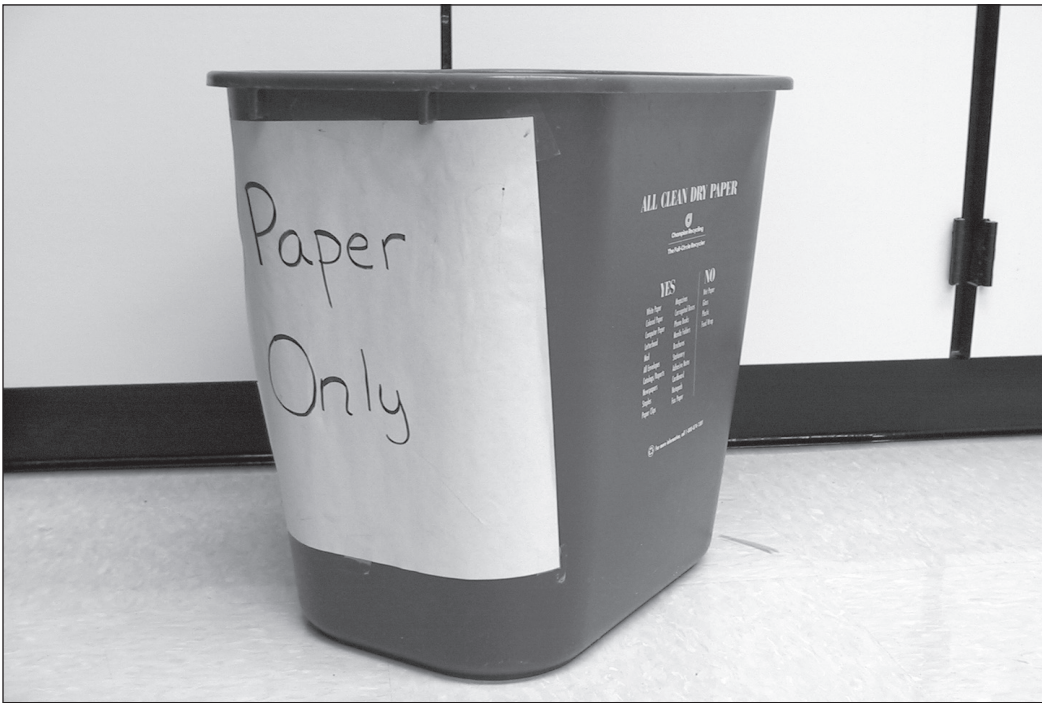
competition.

The drop off time for recycled goods is at 12-5 p.m. on February 23, in the Recycling Pavilion, which is located behind the Agricultural Pavilion or in front of the National Guard building. Items should be placed in separate bags and clearly labeled with the organization's name. This is the only time that greeks can take their recycled products, because at the end of the day it will be weighed and a winner will be announced.

Each greek organization that participates will receive points and the winning fraternity or sorority will receive extra points and a trophy.

Kosta will then take the recycled goods in bulk on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to a company in Union City, Advanced Recycling, headed by Randy Mitchell.

Greek Week's main philanthropy is "Hunters for the Hungry," so this competition is not receiving any money, it is strictly for the benefit of the environment.



There will be no money transaction of any kind. This project is being done strictly to help the campus dispose of products responsibly and money is not being considered.

Items that are not accepted to be recycled are items that would be difficult to recycle because they are too big, or any items with

food on it. All items must be rinsed out before they will accept it, because of the chance of it causing an odor.

Isbell recognizes how easy it would be for the campus to recycle. He says it seems our campus has forgotten to recycle this year, because we always have before. "The dumpsters have a ton

of waste and recycling helps the campus and our ecosystem. People do recycle on campus, they have just had to take it somewhere before."

Hopefully, this newfound enthusiasm will continue past Greek Week.

For more information, contact Isbell at 901-857-3130.

# UTM library computer lab re-opens

Kristin Wiseman  
Staff Writer

If you noticed the computer lab in Humanities has been more crowded than usual lately, that is because the computer lab in the library has been closed for renovations. This should now no longer be a problem as renovations were recently completed.

The renovations on the library computer lab that began right before winter break were set to be completed by yesterday, February 12. The reason for the renovations was for an expansion of the computer lab. The library computer lab is one of the most highly-used computer labs. Students can be seen in the library computer lab at all open hours, and many times students have to wait in line to receive access to a computer. Therefore, adding extra computers will be very helpful.

There will, however, be the same number of computers in the library as there were before until the end of this spring semester. At that time the university will begin moving things out of the Business



Administration building. This will be done to prepare for the renovations that are planned for that building. The computers will be moved from the Business Administration computer lab in to the new larger library computer lab.

"With the closing of the Business Administration building at the end of spring, we needed to find a place to move the BA 25 student computer lab. By

expanding the space in the library, which is the most used student lab, we will be able to move computers from BA 25 into the library lab providing more access for students," said Shannon Burgin, director of information technology services.

According to Burgin the plans also worked out to enlarge the ITC staff office area. "ITC staff was sharing office space with three and

four people. Technology usage in the classroom and online is growing every year. The needs will continue to grow in this area."

After the renovations occur on the Business Administration building, the computer lab in that building will get new computers. All of these renovations are covered by the budget given to the university by the state.

# Students, fill out FAFSA for future college funding

Holly Perry  
Editorial Assistant

With the deadline quickly approaching for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, otherwise simply known as the FAFSA, students need to rush to computers to apply for their share of funds.

Students who undertake the daunting task of filling out the FAFSA ultimately reap government-sponsored financial benefits. The application requests tax return information from the student and the student's parents to determine the amount of collegiate financial aid that the government will allot to the student.

This financial aid is awarded through Federal Pell Grants, Federal Stafford Loans and Work-Study programs. The FAFSA must also be filled out in order to receive the Tennessee Lottery Scholarship. These programs administered by the FAFSA comprise the nation's largest source of student aid: during the 2004-05 school year alone, they provided approximately \$74 billion in new aid to nearly 10 million postsecondary students and their families, according to the FAFSA's Web site.

March 1 is the priority deadline to fill out the FAFSA, and midnight on September 1, 2007, is the deadline for the Tennessee Lottery Scholarship. The priority deadline exists to ensure availability of funds. Money usually begins running out by mid-May.

Filling out the FAFSA is a process that must be repeated each year or the student will not receive financial aid for the upcoming school year.

Because such large amounts of money are at stake, individual security is of prime importance. Prior to filling out the FAFSA, a student and the students' parents can each obtain a personal identification number (PIN). This PIN number acts as an electronic signature, speeding up the financial aid pro-

## FAFSA Facts

- Priority deadline is March 1
- TN Lottery Scholarship deadline is September 1
- Students should have their social security number, driver's license, income tax return, bank statements, etc. before filling out the FAFSA.

cess immensely. It takes 1-3 days to receive a PIN by email, and 7-10 business days by postal mail. PIN numbers are used to access a student's personal information in several U.S. Department of Education systems.

Every student will need to furnish parental income unless the student is 24, married, is a graduate student, has dependents other than a spouse and provides more than 50 percent support for that dependent, is an orphan or ward of the court, or is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. Before beginning the FAFSA, students should have their Social Security Number, driver's license, income tax return, bank statements and investment records on hand, according to the FAFSA's Web site.

The application takes 3-5 days to process, after which the student will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Students will be given an Estimated Family Contribution, or an EFC, the report from which the college will determine the amount of financial aid to be awarded to the student.

Be warned, however: there are plenty of false FAFSA Web sites out there. The only official FAFSA Website is <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

## Fee: Continued from Cover

"There's no way to get around (it) if we want to play sports along the same lines as our sister institutions across the state. Somebody's going to have to pay more per person," Dane said. "Somebody's going to have to pay a bigger piece of the pie."

Dane did acknowledge increased enrollment would help increase the amount of money raised in fees, but he said it would take a long time to make up for the 1,500-student deficit UTM has with Austin Peay.

Dane added he knows his pitch would fall on tougher ears among students uninterested in sports. But he said a more efficient athletics program would benefit even those students.

"Success in athletics helps academic programs," Dane said. "You get increased enrollment as a result of the visibility from your athletic teams. You are who you play."

Some senators asked why

UTM's teams couldn't play larger, high-profile teams as a source of income. Dane said playing those "guarantee" games, which bring in about \$60,000 each, can be demoralizing and lead to player injuries. He said football already plays one "guarantee" game, and basketball plays four every year. Dane said playing games for money is an unstable income source. Others questioned the timing of Dane's proposal, noting that his request comes on the heels of UTM's Ohio Valley Conference football championship in 2006.

Dane said he has been considering asking for a fee increase since February 2006, but added he said the football team's success provided auspicious timing.

"I don't mind confessing at all the football team's success helps," Dane said. "From our standpoint, (the timing) worked out very nicely. Students who at one time could have been

laughing at our lack of success are now taking it as a source of pride, even for people who are not athletic zealots.

"I think that's a benefit for us in terms of any prospect of having (the fee increase) passed," he added.

SGA President Orr asked Dane where UTM athletics would be in three years with a fee increase, and Dane said there would be no excuse for UTM's athletic teams not to be competing in conference championships in all sports.

UTM head football coach Jason Simpson also spoke to SGA in favor of a fee increase, echoing Dane's statement that a better-funded football and athletics program would reflect well on the campus as a whole.

"Some people have said your football team is the front porch of your university," Simpson said. "You may be asking, 'What is this going to do for me?' Let us

cause the flu," stated Deal.

A person can still get the flu even if they have had the vaccine; but the risk of getting it is highly reduced.

"One of the best and most effective ways to prevent getting sick, is practicing

good hand washing. Other measures include avoiding people who are sick and large crowds. Taking care of yourself with proper diet and adequate rest is also essential," said Deal.

## Illness: Continued from Cover

said Deal.

The stomach virus can be caused by a number of viruses and causes gastrointestinal problems, such as diarrhea and vomiting. There is also a chance of stomach pain and fever.

The overall way to prevent yourself from getting the flu is by getting the vaccination.

"It is safe with very few possible adverse effects. Contrary to popular belief, the flu vaccine does not



# Courts hang up on phone tax

**Jon-Michael St. Amant**  
*Advertising Manager*

Take special note to your tax refund forms this year. The Internal Revenue Service is calling in a one-time telephone tax refund for up to \$60 available to anyone with any sort of telephone. Recent court decisions involving the U.S. Treasury Department have caused the government to give a refund on a federal excise telephone “luxury” tax on long distance phone calls used to help pay for the Spanish-American war. According to the IRS Web site this refund is available to anyone who paid such taxes on landline, wireless, or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services. This basically means that if you have a home phone or cell phone that

you have paid a tax on, it is now being refunded. Subsequently, you need to make note of this on your tax refund form. To accurately distribute the money for this refund, there is an additional form to be filled out which you must have 41 months worth of phone bills to correctly document. However, for the majority citizens who don’t have the correct information to do this, there is an easy way to get a standard payment. The amount of the refund depends on the amount of exemptions you file for. If you file one exemption, your refund amount is \$30, an amount that rises incrementally by \$10 up until the summit of four exemptions and \$60 is reached. This can be noted on line 71 of the 1040 form. Also on this form, specific instructions

are given. Additionally, if you are not filing for a refund this year for any reason, check the IRS website for a 1040 EZ-T form, which allows you apply for this special refund. Though this sounds a bit complicated, it is a really good opportunity for American taxpayers who have been taxed for their whole lives to pay for a war fought before the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This leads to the question of why this tax has gone on so long. Originally, it was a tax on the rich, generally the only group which could afford long distance calls and bundle packages. However, in the past few years, it has simply been a means of revenue for the Treasury Department rolling in \$5.9 billion in 2005 according to CNNmoney.com.

# University Scholars holds Prospect Weekend

**David Hampton & Allie T. Thomas**  
*Editorial Assistants*

This weekend 65 prospective UTM students participated in the University Scholars Prospect Weekend. Only 15 of the prospective students will be accepted into the University Scholars program, and choosing which students will remain will be a difficult process, said Dr. Dan McDonough, director of the University Scholars Program. For students to apply to the University Scholars program, they must have at least a 3.5 GPA upon graduating high school and a score of at least 28 on the

ACT test. Students accepted into the program would either be awarded a \$3500 Chancellor’s Award scholarship or a \$5000 University scholarship. Along with the criteria to apply for University Scholar status, the University Scholarship also requires those competing to be interviewed. The program is desirable to the incoming students not only because of the scholarships but also because of the prestige the honor entails when the times comes to seek employment or to apply for graduate or professional schools. The weekend began with a dinner held Friday night and later a “half-nighter”

held by current University Scholars. The applicants attended a luncheon held Saturday at which the students met Chancellor Nick Dunagan, who also spoke at the luncheon. Parents were also in attendance. The Honors Council also interviewed the applicants. Those who are accepted as University Scholars will also participate in a senior “world builder” project in which they will “get to play God,” as Dr. McDonough put it. The project involves creating a virtual world using a computer program. The “world” created by the students will have to be self-sustaining.

# Earthquake town meeting in Union City

**Staff Reports**

In conjunction with Tennessee Earthquake Awareness Week, the University of Memphis’ Center for Earthquake Research and Information (CERI) and local emergency managers will hold a town hall meeting at the Union City Municipal Building to provide information about existing emergency management planning and explain steps the public can take to prepare themselves in the event of an earthquake. The meeting will be

Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Recent disasters in the United States demonstrate the importance of having a plan and being prepared in the event of an emergency, he said. Dr. Horton will provide a 30-minute overview of the New Madrid seismic zone. This will be followed by a 45-minute question-and-answer period with the panel of experts and emergency response/planning officials. The panel is scheduled to include: Sheriff Jerry Vastbinder, Mayor Benny

McGuire, EMA Director Mike George, Union City Police Chief Joe Garner and Union City Fire Chief Kelly Edminson. “There is still much to learn about mechanics of the New Madrid seismic zone, but based on the occurrence of several large earthquakes over the last 1500 years, there is about a 10 percent chance an earthquake like those of the winter of 1811-1812 could occur in a 50-year time window,” said Dr. Horton.



# Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

**11:35 a.m., February 5**  
**UTM**

Subject reported receiving harassing phone messages. Officer made contact with all parties and referred them to Student Affairs.

**11:59 a.m., February 5**  
**Lot 18**

Subject reported vandalism to their vehicle. Investigation continues.

**5:20 p.m., February 5**  
**University Center**

Subject needed transport to the hospital and officer responded.

**7:47 p.m., February 5**  
**Brehm**

Subject reported damage to university property.

**11:00 a.m., February 6**  
**Humanities**

Subject reported lost property during university inventory.

**8:41 p.m., February 6**  
**Elam Center**

Report of a subject with an injury. Officer responded and transported subject to the hospital.

**9:11 p.m., February 6**  
**University St.**

Mr. Jonathan C. Baker was issued a citation for expired registration. General Sessions Court.

**1:26 p.m., February 7**  
**Fine Arts**

Subject reported lost property during university inventory.

**11:00 p.m., February 7**  
**University Village**

Ms. Jacquelin A. Mercer and Ms. Jennifer N. Wagoner were issued citations for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. General Sessions Court.

**10:36 a.m., February 8**  
**EPS**

Report of a subject that had fainted. Officer and emergency personnel responded. Subject was treated on the scene and subject refused transport.

**2:46 p.m., February 8**  
**EPS**

Report of subject being ill. Officer and emergency personnel responded. Subject was treated on the scene and subject refused transport to the hospital.

**9:58 a.m., February 9**  
**Humanities**

Subject reported theft of personal property. Investigation continues.

**4:02 p.m., February 9**  
**Off campus**

Report of an accident involving two vehicles.

# Geoclub Valentines Day Extravaganza

**Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 5:00**  
**In EPS Rm 228**



**Free chocolates to all that attend**



# Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer’s “Campus Bulletin Board” section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer\_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

## Pacer Meetings

Want to write for the student newspaper? Pacer meetings are every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in Gooch 316. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week’s issue of the student newspaper.

## Open Forum Bible Study

The Spring Forum is exploring this semester’s topic: The Gospel of Salvation & The Power of Christ. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in UC 209. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

## BeanSwitch

BeanSwitch meetings are held every Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in HU 209 (writing center). All are welcome to attend.

## Starving Artist Exhibit

Adam McCammon presents a starving artist exhibit at the Martin Public Library through Feb. 28.

## Upcoming Campus Interviews

Tennessee State Parks, Feb. 15. Positions: Seasonal Interpretive Ranger. Degree: Biology, Forestry, Wildlife, Geology, History, Anthropology/ Archaeology, General Life Sciences, Natural Resource Management. Locations available: Statewide. You must be classified as a Junior.

Shelby County Schools, Feb. 28. Positions: K-12 Teachers, Special Education, Counselors. Degree: Education (Teacher Certification Eligible). Locations Available: Suburban Memphis (Collierville, Germantown, Arlington, Millington).

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Employment Information Services, 215 UC.

## PKP Lecture

UTM’s Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society chapter will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in Watkins Auditorium for the Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture. This year’s lecturer is Doug Cook, chair of the De-

partment of Visual and Theatre Arts. His presentation is titled “Cultural Aesthetic Outlooks: Why We Like What We Like When We Like It.” The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jenna Wright, instructor of English, at 881-7300.

## Sex Signals

Blending a unique combination of improvisational comedy education and audience participation, “Sex Signals” provides a provocative, in-your-face look at issues surrounding dating, sex and date rape on college campuses. “Sex Signals” will be held at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium on February 14.

## Chocolate Fest

SAC Presents the annual Chocolate Fest at 6 p.m. in the UC Lobby, outside Watkins on Valentine’s Day. Free chocolate for all students with a donation of \$1 for Le Bonheur Children’s Medical Center.

## Bone Marrow Donor Registration

The registration will be held Feb. 15, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the

UC, sponsored by Mu Epsilon Delta.

## Reformed University Fellowship

This Tuesday, Reformed University Fellowship is hosting a special Bible study titled, “Destroying Racism.” All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Time: 8 p.m., in the UC room 111 (the Legislative Chamber). We will have singing, prayer, fellowship, and open God’s word so that we as individuals, the church, and society might be transformed.

## Campus Wide Career Day

There will be a campus wide career day on Thursday, March 1, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the UC. There will be information on careers available. You will be able to meet employers face-to-face, ask questions about careers, internships, summer jobs and full-time positions. There is something for everyone. Career Day is sponsored by UTM Employment Information Services.

## Introduction to Acting

This class is meant to help you discover the actor within every-

one. Learn to channel your emotional states, past experiences and present-day knowledge into the creative, sometimes-exciting and often therapeutic art of acting. This class will deal with more complex ways of developing acting skills and learning to develop new ones. This class takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays on Feb. 8-March 20 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The costs is \$45. Christian Ashlar is the instructor. Ashlar is a UTM student with 15 years of acting experience; including seven Vanguard productions and “Shakespeare in the Park.”

## Wildlife Society Meeting

The UTM Wildlife Society will hold a meeting for all current Wildlife Society members and those interested in being members on Thursday, February 15 at 6 p.m. in Brehm 258. The guest speaker will be Martha Lyle Ford, TWF Great Outdoors University Director. Come early for pizza.

Got an item for Bulletin Board? E-mail it to pacer\_news@utm.edu.



# Valentine’s Day is historical mystery

Lucas DuRall  
Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day is a holiday that is celebrated across the country with gifts of flowers and candy between loved ones.

But do you know why we celebrate this holiday or where the idea of Valentine’s Day came from?

This holiday is based on a patron saint named “St. Valentine.” But who is this saint and how did he influence what we now celebrate as a romantic holiday? This is a historical mystery which carries different legends.

One legend says that Valentine was a priest in Rome during the third century. Emperor at the time, Claudius II, decided that

men made better soldiers if they were single than if they had wives or women in their lives. He outlawed marriages in Rome for young men since they would be soldiers in his army. Valentine thought that this was an unjust law and did not agree with Claudius’ new law. Valentine still performed marriages for young couples in secret knowing if he were caught there would be serious consequences. However his actions were discovered and Claudius ordered Valentine to be put to death.

In ancient Rome, Christians were persecuted for their beliefs. Another legend states that Valentine was executed for helping Christians escape from

Roman prisons where they were beaten and tortured.

It is also believed that Valentine was behind the first greeting card. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl. The girl was said to be the daughter of the jailor which visited him often while he was in prison. Before his execution, he wrote a letter to his love. He signed it “From Your Valentine” which still is a common phrase used between loved ones today.

The whole month of February is known for love and romance. But why February, why not another month? It is said that we celebrate it this month because we are remembering the anniversary of Valentines death. Others

say it is because of the ancient Christian church trying to Christianize an annual Roman festival called “Lupercalia” which fell on February 15. Lupercalia is a festival of fertility and romance that is still celebrated in Rome to this day.

None of these legends have been proved so therefore no one actually knows exactly how Valentine’s Day came about. Maybe the culmination of all the legends and stories over centuries is what makes the myth so interesting. Either way, thank goodness for the patron saint that stood up for something that he believed in. Who knows, if it weren’t for that, we might be doing something else on Feb.14.

# UTM increases February blood donations by 15

Lucas DuRall  
Staff Writer

UTM brings in big numbers for this past week’s Lifeline Blood Services blood drive.

Lifeline Blood Services recently visited UTM to have a blood drive on Feb. 6 and 7. UTM is one of Lifeline’s biggest blood drives and is a great contributor of blood.

On Tuesday, UTM students and faculty donated an amazing 85 units of blood and 23 deferrals which was an excellent first day. On Wednesday, 83 units were collected with 25 deferrals. That is a total of 168 units. This is up from last year’s February total, which was only 153. While a 15-unit difference does not seem like much, it can mean the difference in saving a few more lives. One unit of blood can save up to three lives. Multiply that by fifteen and UTM could possibly save 45 more lives than it did last year.

plays a huge role in times of emergency. A good thing about Lifeline is that the blood donated in this area stays in this area. This makes for quicker availability due to not having to have blood sent from other regions or states.

Lifeline is committed to providing a safe blood supply in the quantity and at the time needed by the patient. Each year Lifeline provides over 25,000 units of blood and blood products to patients in West Tennessee hospitals.

Thanks to everyone who participated in last week’s blood drive. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by all those who have needed blood in the past and those who will need it in the future.

# Evolution of holiday through experiences

## Remember all loved ones during this holiday

Heather Roland  
News Editor

Valentine’s Day is one of those holidays that can be thought about in many lights.

In one light, it is a holiday that one looks forward to on a yearly basis because it is a day that you portray your true love for an individual.

In another light, it is a day that many despise. It is a day that reminds you that you are alone, which then results in you gorging yourself on the Valentine’s chocolate that you bought yourself.

In my experiences with Valentine’s Day, I have found that I have experienced a variety of feelings that have evolved over many of them.

When I was younger, Valentine’s Day meant a day

full of fun and receiving chocolates and toys from my mom.

She has always given me unconditional love; therefore, Valentine’s Day was an allotment for her. She was who I celebrated Valentine’s Day for.

As years progressed and my social life did not, I became one of those individuals who hated Valentine’s Day.

Year after year, I would despise going to school on Valentine’s Day because it seemed that everyone on the planet was in love and was shown the affection of that special someone in the form of flowers.

At this time I thought that the holiday was purely commercial. A holiday invented by the card and flower companies.

Then, I met my fiance.

Although he was only my boyfriend at the time, he made me feel special, especially on Valentine’s Day.

Our first Valentine’s Day was very traditional. Flowers, candy, dinner. However, as the years have progressed, I have found out that Valentine’s Day is not purely a one-day holiday. For me, it is a year round holiday.

Richard treats every day like Valentine’s Day for me. His love is shown on a daily basis, and not with the flowers and candies associated with Valentine’s Day, but rather with affection and concern.

As you grow older, we realize that holidays are not in what you get, rather they are who you share them with.

As Richard and I spend our sixth Valentine’s

## Commentary



Roland

Day together and our last Valentine’s Day before we become husband and wife, I am thankful that we have one another.

I encourage all of you to remember the ones you love this holiday, regardless of your feelings about the holiday itself.

This is a day that you should remind all the people that you love and care about that you do love and care about them. Never take them for granted, and never forget to tell them how you feel.

This year remember to register:

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# Sigma Tau Delta heads up a night of games and fun

Bradley Hadley  
Staff Writer

As the start of the semester slowly drifts away, we start seeing a change in the curriculum. During the third week, tests and papers start popping up everywhere on campus. However, Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, prove that just because you're heading into the third week of class does not mean you have to stress yourself out.

Sigma Tau Delta hosted a game night that consisted of seven board games, showing that games do not always have to have a controller. The games consisted of Scattergories, Classic Pit, Scrabble, Apples to Apples, Pictionary, Battle of the Sexes, Taboo and Monopoly. Game tables were full as the laughter overflowed the room at the UC on Jan. 30.

English Professor Heidi Huse, the faculty adviser for Sigma Tau Delta, was among the Apples to Apples game players. Apples to Apples consists of only two decks of cards: Things and Descriptions. Each turn, the current referee selects a description and the players try to pick, from the cards in their hands, the card that best matches that description.

The referee then chooses the card that appeals most and awards the card to the player who played it. Once a player has won a pre-determined number of cards, that player wins.



BRADLEY HADLEY/ The Pacer  
**UTM students Megan Gallup, Sarah Morris and Audrey Smith participate in game night, hosted by Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society.**

Kevin Mullins and his wife Jacinta Mullins, also a member of Sigma Tau Delta, and their children Reagan, Sheridan and Ryley also participated in the game night. When asked about how the night was going Kevin Mullins, a senior Philosophy major said "Building the community and

sharing stories, anything that involves dialogue is good to do."

As the night was coming to a close, Jennifer Ryan, a junior English major, brought out a crossword puzzle for all to participate in. The crossword puzzle was a small competition among the players. Sarah Lemons, the winner, was able to choose her gift from the bag of donations. The prizes were gift certificates from Domino's, The Sun Shop, Cine Movie Theater, Ken-Tenn Sports and Jerry Lambs Barber Shop. Even our very own UTM bookstore donated shirts for the evening's event.

When asked how Sigma Tau Delta thought of the idea of game night, Ashley Ragon, a senior English major and the president of Sigma Tau Delta said, "It was a collaboration and group effort on deciding to do this event. We decided to put the event on for the fun of it before school got too chaotic."

This was a break from the normal types of activities that Sigma Tau Delta puts on. Over all it was a peaceful and relaxing evening, especially when one of Mullins' children beat out six adults and one sibling to win the Apples to Apples game. A jump from a chair showed his enthusiasm as he pranced around the table. The night was a total success.

If you are interested in Sigma Tau Delta contact Ashley Ragon at ashragon84@yahoo.com, or stop by the English department for more information.

## Sixteen Minutes: Part IV



Stephen Outten  
www.StephenOutten.com

Anna's small locker was in the corner. Maybe she had time to empty its contents before the police found her.

"Who placed the call?" one of the officers asked from the lobby.

A muffled voice answered in response. Anna's heart sped up. How would any of these people have known about her quaint stash?

Rushing over to her locker, Anna pulled out the small bag. There was a window on the opposing wall, a small trash can underneath the desk, and the office bathroom. The bathroom! As tiny as it was, it would have to do. It had a sink and a toilet after all.

Dumping the contents of her bag down the toilet, she flushed twice for good measure. She then rinsed out the bag quickly. Breathing a sigh of relief, she walked back out into the office, stuffing the empty bag into the garbage can underneath some papers.

She swore if she somehow got out of this situation, she would never touch a drug again. Straightening her shirt, running her fingers through her hair, Anna stepped into the lobby.

No one turned and pointed. No one said, "There she is, officer! Arrest her!"

Instead, one of the policemen approached her and said, "Miss, who runs this clinic?"

Anna glanced over his

shoulder and saw a young man in handcuffs. But it wasn't just any young man.

It was James Wellington, the most desired young man from her graduating class. He looked at Anna. She looked back to the police officer.

"My mother runs the clinic," Anna said absentmindedly. "What's going on?"

The officer turned and looked at James. "It would appear that this young man has been approaching your clients with evangelical tracts and brochures while they wait for legal advice." The officer handed one to Anna. "Were you aware of this?"

Anna shook her head.

"One of your clients reported him to us," the officer continued. "So here we are. Is your mother here?"

"No, she stepped out." Anna looked at James. He met her eyes imploringly. "Do you have to arrest him?" she asked the officer.

"I suppose I could let him off with a warning." He turned to James. "Just make sure to stay away from here."

"Let him go," Anna said. "We won't press any charges."

The policeman nodded. "Have a good day, miss."

The other officer unlocked the handcuffs, freeing James.

James turned and smiled at Anna. Without warning, she smiled back. He was handsome, after all. And tall. And athletic.

As the police walked James towards the door, James turned and gave Anna another look. She had never been very intuitive, but somehow she knew that he'd be back.

## Indie Watch: new column brings you the FYI on bands you might not have heard of

James Baker  
Assistant News Editor

**Brea**  
California-based indie rock group, Brea, is one of a select few female lead vocalist indie rock bands to shine in a mostly male-dominated genre. They've just released a six-song EP that is both solid and unique. For their EP, they borrowed some talent for a few songs, drummer Jimmy DeGrasso of Megadeth and violinist Anton Patzner of Bright Eyes. Their sound is really hard to pin down, but since I kind of have to, they have a punk/alternative/indie/at times folk but always unique sound. Brea is a great band and they're only going to get better. Check them out now so later you can tell everyone you've been listening to them since before they got big.

Sounds like: ???, You'll have to hear them for yourself ...

**We Are Scientists**  
The Brooklyn-based indie rock trio, We Are Scientists (or just W.A.S. for short), has hit the post-punk scene a little late, but have put forth a powerful album none the less with "With Love and Squalor." Despite entering an already crowded genre, they manage a unique sound within the accepted staples of prominent baselines, angular guitar and a slightly nostalgic British feel to the lyrics. If you like The Killers and Franz Ferdinand but worried about over playing them, check



Courtesy of JAMES BAKER

Califronia-based rockers Brea have recently released a six-song EP.

out W.A.S. Or, if you missed the boat on the post-punk scene, check them out to have a band that your friends probably haven't heard of.

Sounds like: The Killers, Franz Ferdinand, The Strokes

**Gym Class Heroes**  
Recently picked up by Fueled by Ramen (the label which launched Fall Out Boy and Yellowcard into stardom), this Hip Hop quartet has a sound reminiscent of old school rap (before the gangsta rap explosion of the 90's) coupled with the upbeat intelligent style of groups like Outkast.

These guys bring a new sound to rap that has been missing for a while. If "Ridin' Dirty" is your favorite rap song ever, you probably won't be in to these guys, but if you're a fan of Outkast and want something new, give them a try. Their latest album is "As Cruel As Schoolchildren."

Sounds like: De La Soul, Outkast

Indie Watch is a new column to bring you new bands and artists you've never heard of every week. Got a band you'd like to see here? Great! Send us an e-mail to pacer\_features@utm.edu with Indie Watch in the subject.

## February to see the release of highly-anticipated movies, CDs and DVDs

Jenny Perry  
Staff Writer

February is not only Black History Month or a month of love, it is going to be a month of exciting new entertainment.

Today the new Fall Out Boy's CD, *Infinity on High*, will be released.

"I previewed the CD on Amazon.com. Every song has such a great energy. It is going to be awesome," stated senior Psychology major, Casey Jackson.

Blue Oyster Cult, a seasoned rock band, and Travis Tritt, a well-known country singer, both have CD's coming out on the 13th.

The 27th will give way to the Goo Goo Dolls new CD *Let Love In*. Brittany Wiles, a sophomore Education major said, "This is a special edition CD with a DVD of rare acoustic tracks and some videos. This is a really awesome item. I'm looking forward to owning it."

Currently in theaters is *Hannibal Rising*. This movie is a fourth edition to the Hannibal Lector series. The first was *Silence of the Lambs*, then *Hannibal*, and third *Red Dragon*. *Hannibal Rising* is the story of a young Hannibal Lector. Also out is *Norbit*, a comedy with Eddie Murphy. It is about a man who marries a horrid woman only to meet the woman of his dreams.

On Valentine's the long awaited *Music and Lyrics* arrives in theaters. It is a comedy about an out-dated pop star, Hugh Grant, that gets a chance at a comeback. It also stars

Drew Berrymore.

Tyler Perry, whose works include *Madea's Family Reunion*, and *Diary of a Mad Black Woman*, has another movie coming out. *Daddy's Little Girls*, is a love story about an attorney that falls for a mechanic with three daughters.

Many movies are set to be released in theaters on the 16th. *Breach* tells the story of a FBI analyst that must prove his boss is selling secrets to the Soviet Union. Nicholas Cage stars in *Ghost Rider*, based off the Marvel comic book about a motorcycle stuntman who sells his soul to become supernatural.

Also on the 16th, *I Could Never be Your Woman*, stars Michelle Pfeiffer as a mother who falls for a much younger man as her teenage daughters fall in love for the first time.

A number of DVD's are also set to be released this month. The multi-nominated *Departed* hits shelves along with *School for Scoundrels* and *Marie Antionette*. A number of anticipated movies are also being released on the 20th: *Babel*, which has already garnered awards and is nominated for more, *Flushed Away*, *The Prestige* and *Man of the Year* are all set to be released that day. And the 27th will see the release of *Stranger Than Fiction*, *The Return*, *Tenacious D and the Pick of Destiny*, and *A Good Year*.

There are many more movies and CD's coming our way. These are just a few the students here at UTM showed an interest in. Remember to check the theater to see if the movie is coming out in your area or if you're more into music, reserve a copy of the CD you want ahead of time.

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Left Hand Singing helps bring

Civil Rights history to life

Reason for being: ceasing to exist

**Allie T. Thomas**  
*Assistant Editorial Editor*

Civil Rights history will come alive Feb. 28 and March 1-4 in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of Fine Arts in a Vanguard Theatre production titled “The Left Hand Singing.”

Written by Barbara Lebow, the play follows 30 years of heartache for three families as their son or daughter disappeared in Mississippi’s Freedom Summer of 1964 while trying to help blacks pass the literacy test to vote.

“Freedom Summer” resulted in professors, students and others from all walks of life, working in the South for racial equality during the Civil Rights Movement. The literacy test was designed to keep blacks at a disadvantage in political elections, forcing those who took it to answer several American history trivia questions before casting a ballot.

Using dramatic comedy, the play highlights the elements of prejudice and the pain it cost the three families as they search for meaning in their lost prosperities’ cause.

The March performances are scheduled to coincide with the Civil Rights Conference which will begin Thursday, March 1 with writer, lecturer and teacher, Julian Bond speaking. Bond was also the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The performers include: Kendra Bell as Maddy Johnson, Andrea Cash as Honey Johnson, Mary Beth French as Clair Partridge, Natalie Horbelt as Bea Winnick. Jonathan Johnson as John Partridge, Matthew Maitland as Wes Partridge, and Jessica Jo Sims as Linda Winnick.


On Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m., students can watch the play free of admission prices upon presenting their student ID.

From March 1-4 regular admission will be \$10 and \$5 for students. The box office in the lobby of Fine Arts will be selling tickets starting Feb. 26.

For more information please call the box office at 881-7090 or 7400.

Weekend Box Office Results		
	Weekend revenue:	Total revenue:
1. Norbit	\$33,740,000	\$33,740,000
2. Hannibal Rising	\$13,350,000	\$13,350,000
3. Because I Said So	\$9,041,000	\$25,626,000
4. The Messengers	\$7,200,000	\$24,724,000
5. Night at the Museum	\$5,750,000	\$232,146,000
6. Epic Movie	\$4,450,000	\$35,474,000
7. Smokin’ Aces	\$3,793,000	\$30,854,000
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**Sara McIntosh**  
*Assistant News Editor*

Last semester, the book regarding men’s nocturnal habits after coitus was brought to you as a means of gaining enlightenment to all those burning, itching questions you always wanted to ask but never had the guts to do so.

Now that everyone knows the logistics of creation and idiosyncrasies that arise from coitus, how about awarding people for bettering the human race by killing themselves or removing their genes from the pool permanently? For those of you wanting to know more, there are a series of books edited by Wendy Northcutt called Darwin Awards.

Basically, the premise for each of these books is to demonstrate the illogical ways of thinking by criminals, cops, musicians, teachers, men, women, and mentally unstable characters that live and breathe and copulate throughout the world. After being documented and checked for validity, Northcutt awards these unfortunately dead people with the homage of being a Darwin Award winner, which means that the human race is far greater now that they are no longer a member of it.

For all those times your mom warned you about not jumping off the eight-story apartment building holding a beach towel for a cape in order to replicate your favorite superhero, these people did not have that voice of reason to guide them out of a disastrously hilarious demise. The benefits to these books are that you’ll learn how not to



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Come by the Interfaith Student Center on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 5:30pm for a free meal and a showing of the documentary, “An Inconvenient Truth.” This will be followed by a descission of the environment from a faith perspective. All of the UTM community is welcome.

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## From the Geek Corner

### Microsoft's downfall coming soon? Not really.

Has anyone who reads technology news noticed a sharp increase in the number of articles and columns about Microsoft Corp. lately? I have.

It seems industry analysts and tech writers have reason to believe that Microsoft is not going to hold on at the top forever. While I cannot dispute the fact that Microsoft's software is run on more computers than any other company's, Microsoft's reign may not last forever.

For one, Apple's implementation of Intel Core Processors in its Macintosh computers has led some consumers to move away from Microsoft's Windows operating system. Apple Inc. has seen its overall market share increase from about five percent to six percent, surpassing Toshiba and growing close to Gateway Computers, two companies that run Windows almost exclusively.

Another indicator of Microsoft's supposed demise is the sluggish sales in the first two weeks of Vista and Office 2007. I personally think that sales will pick up as consumers replace old computers – they will have to choose between the new Windows or switching operating systems (to Mac or Linux) which can be a challenge to overcome. Mac has done its part to assure consumers that a transition is worth the effort. Take a look at their TV commercial campaign for proof.

Microsoft's Office suite



Matt Cook  
Technical Editor

**“One indicator of Microsoft's supposed demise is the sluggish sales in the first two weeks of Vista.”**

sales are under attack as well. Openoffice.org, Google Docs and Spreadsheets and other office suites available for free are undermining Microsoft's “bread and butter” applications – Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.

Some analysts say that the company will follow the trend of its Zune music player: well publicized and talked about by the public, but poorly received with slow sales.

Still other writers will point out that Bill Gates, Microsoft's chairman, is going into semi-retirement and turning the daily operations of the company over to Chief Technology Officers Ray Ozzie and Craig Mundie. It will be interesting to see what direction they lead the company as it enters a second generation of leadership.

My opinion, for what it's worth, is that Microsoft won't go away and won't fall from its hard-earned top position. Mac may make significant gains in the operating system and computer sales areas. Other office suites may make Microsoft Office obsolete. In the end, however, Microsoft will not die a horrible death.

## Web site of the week

www.flash.net  
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www.pandora.com

Jay Baker  
Assist. News Editor

Scientists have recently completed the Human Genome Project, sequencing the entire human genome. Well, Tim Westergren and some friends recently listened to the songs of over 10,000 artists in the Music Genome Project.

The Music Genome Project was begun to analyze the different “genes” of music (harmony, instrumentation, rhythm, melody, lyrics etc.) to find a better way of organizing music aside from the current system of genres.

After their research, we've been graced with Pandora, which as the site puts it, is “a music discovery service designed to help you enjoy music you already know, and to help you discover new music you'll love.”

Create a free account and then tell the player a song or artist you like and based on the work done in the Music Genome Project, it will bring you other bands and songs similar to your pick in the form of a “station.” You can then share this station with others or find new stations being shared by friends or people with similar (or dissimilar

tastes.)

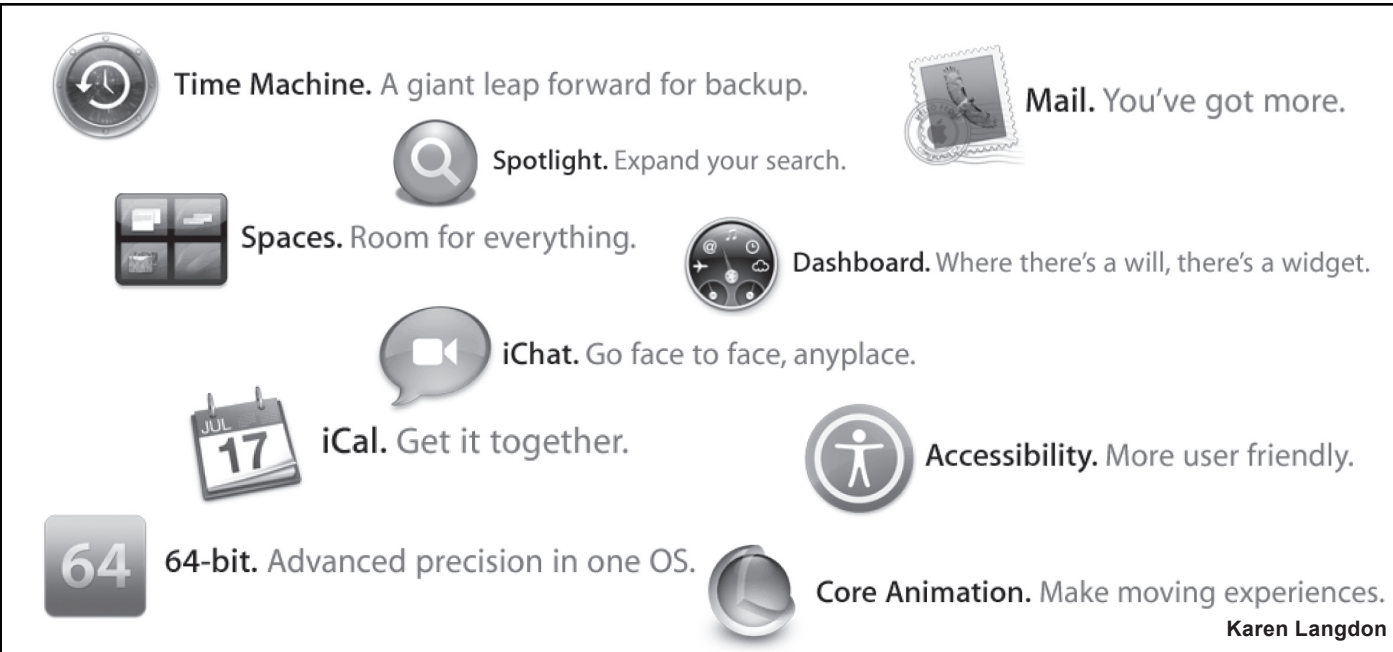
I was pretty impressed with the results it brought me, regardless of the song or artist I put in. I actually found several bands that I'm really interested in now.

If you like your songs enough, you can buy them on iTunes or Amazon with a few clicks from Pandora or bookmark the artist or song to your profile to come back to later. Pandora's profile system is a bit limited, but you can leave comments and bookmark other users you befriend.

There are a few downsides. Pandora only works in your browser, and I would only recommend it if you have a broadband connection. This is fine for Firefox (or IE 7 or above or Opera) as you can load Pandora in its own tab, but in older versions of Internet Explorer it may be cumbersome to give Pandora its own window. There are a few ads to put up with, but there is no spam, and users can always pay a fee to get rid of the ads.

Pandora is a great way to find new music. It's free, easy to use and is well designed. It's a great way to diversify your music collection.

## OS X Leopard to be unleashed this spring



Karen Langdon  
Staff Writer

With all the hype about the recent release of Windows Vista, no one has heard much about Apple's upcoming new operating system, 10.5.

OS X Leopard, slated for release sometime this spring, sports several new features and some major updates since its predecessor. One of Leopard's biggest new features is Time Machine. The first time 10.5 is launched, Time Machine asks to back up the entire system. After that, it takes care of everything automatically at midnight each night. Time Machine only backs up what has been changed, saving space on the backup device. All the backed-up files are stored by date, so you can browse to see how the entire system looked on any particular day, and restore everything with a single click.

Leopard's Mail application has undergone several upgrades. It boasts more than 30 professionally designed e-mail templates and includes two new features: notes and to-dos. Notes can include graphics, colored text and attachments, and can be created or accessed from anywhere. To-dos offer a

connection between Mail and iCal. One click on an e-mail will add it to iCal where it can be assigned a due-date, alarm, and priority. The new version of Mail also provides RSS – Really Simple Syndication – support.

iChat, Apple's instant messenger, makes it easier than ever to talk face-to-face with friends online. iChat has new video backdrops that can be used in video chats and can be seen by Mac and PC users alike. The photo booth effects that made their debut in the last version of iChat can be used in real time with a video. Two more amazing new features are iChat Screen Sharing and iChat Theatre. Screen Sharing allows two people to view and control a single desktop while talking to each other. Theatre takes it one step further with the ability to present photos, keynotes and media from other enabled applications in full-screen mode. Another handy new idea is tabbed chatting, which works just like tabbed browsing and also alerts the user to new messages.

Spaces turns your screen into multiple desktops, which can be configured with as many rows and columns as you see fit.



Application windows can be dragged and dropped into any space at any time, or locked into a specific space.

Dashboard has been tuned up a bit, and has a few great new features. With Web Clip, any Web site can be opened in Dashboard as a fully customizable widget, which is always live. Also, the Dashcode template allows even novices to design their own widgets.

A new and improved Spotlight can now search shared files as well as local ones. It also sports Quick Look, which can preview photos, documents, etc., without opening another application. The search itself can now include more specific terms, with the ability to use and/or not.

iCal's new thing is connectivity. With iCal

Sharing, you can see everyone's calendar events. Auto Schedule automatically compares them and picks the best time to schedule group events, such as meetings. And with Event Dropbox, everyone attending a particular event can share documents, contacts, videos and anything else pertaining to the event.

Apple's Accessibility options provide all sorts of special preferences for those with disabilities. Apple has created a new voice, named Alex, which speaks with a more natural intonation even on fast settings. Alex and all other voices can be used with Voiceover, which can now be used to navigate sequentially. Leopard offers more support for a variety of refreshable Braille displays

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## Office 2007: Student and user friendly

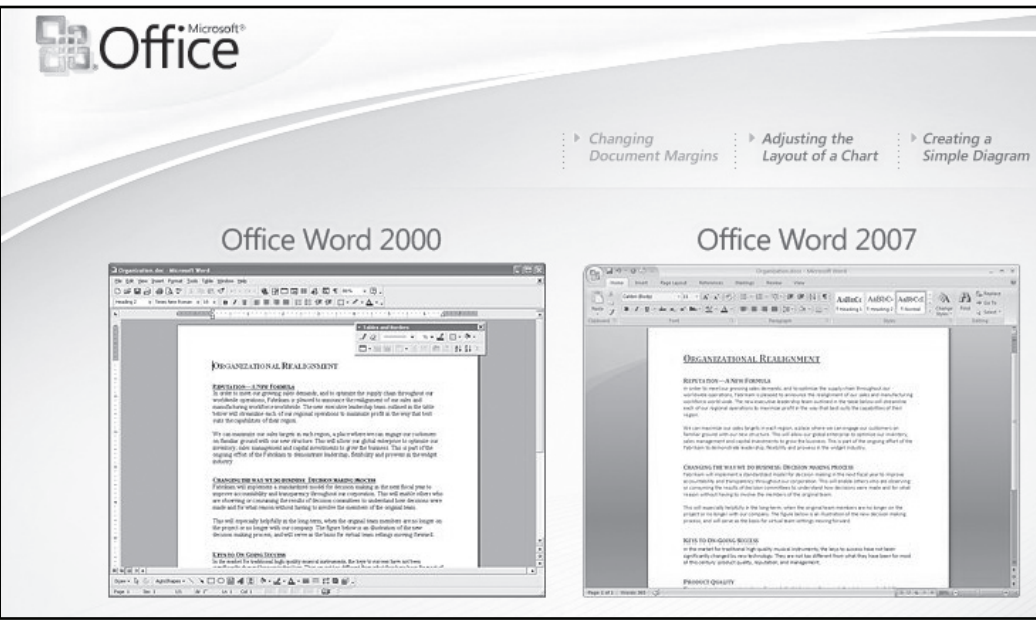
Elizabeth Watts  
Executive Editor

UTM students have become geniuses at working Microsoft Word 2003, but all that is about to change now that Microsoft has released its long-awaited Microsoft Office 2007.

The first time students opens Word 2007, they will notice that the taskbars have undergone a major overhaul. Instead of having layer after layer of formatting bars, each formatting section has its own tab. This makes Word sleeker and easier to use because users no longer have to search through four lines of formatting tools to find the button to make a word bold.

All of the features that students normally use – like inserting headers, footers and footnotes – automatically pop up when you click the insert button. Instead of having to search through every drop down menu, the options are right in front of you and easy to use.

A definite improvement that students will be ecstatic to have is the reference tab. You can make a table of contents from the many templates Microsoft provides. Also, students can automatically insert citations after they fill out the information, such as title,



Comparing the old Microsoft Office interface with the new.

author, publisher and date. Users can choose from MLA, APA, Chicago and Turabian styles. Students can also automatically format their Works Cited page and Bibliography pages from templates that are provided. All the user has to do is fill out the information in the pop-up window, and Microsoft Word does all the work.

Another new feature that Microsoft Word has is the addition of a translator and research pane. This feature falls under the same heading as the spelling and grammar check. However, the only two languages a document can be translated to are Spanish and French.

At the bottom of the Word screen is a word count. This is convenient for students who have to type a 5,000 word paper and hate having to keep clicking tools and word count every time they want to see how much they lack. Now, Word automatically counts the words as you type.

The last feature is document protection. Users can make their documents read-only by clicking the protect button. This is helpful if someone is proofreading the document, but the user doesn't want to let them make changes to it.

All in all, besides a few new features, Microsoft Word 2007 is basic-

ly just more user-friendly than the 2003 version. It's also a nice powder blue color. Students who have to type research papers their entire college career will like Microsoft Office 2007, because it gives students more options with their documents. Maybe that's to calm and relax students while they're trying to write a 15 page paper in one day.

The most important update that users need to be careful about is that Microsoft Word 2007 saves the document in a different format. Microsoft Word 2007 saves all their files

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and note-takers, as well as closed captioning for audio and video content. To top it off, Cocoa and Carbon application frameworks and everything else are 64-bit on both Mac and PC. An improved Core Animation allows Mac developers to create animation using text, 2D

graphics, OpenGL renderings, transparency effects, and core image filters and effects. It also takes advantage of the newer Macs' dual cores – animation runs on one core and the application runs on the other core. Leopard is shaping up to be a great improvement

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in .docx format. Microsoft Word 2003 saves the documents in .doc format. In order for a document typed in Word 2007 to open with the Word 2003 program, users must make sure that they save their document in a .doc format. There is not a whole lot new with PowerPoint. It has more formatting options, like more animations, but nothing really spectacular that will cause students to wonder how they ever lived without PowerPoint 2007. Again, everything is separated into tabs, which makes designing a PowerPoint presentation easier, but it contains no major updates. One new program is OneNote 2007. OneNote

is a program that supposedly makes taking notes easier, but, in all honesty, students will find that the standard pen-and-paper method is easier to use in class than this program. The one feature that makes this program valuable is that students can share notes with other people. Also, more than one person can access the notes at one time. Another program that Microsoft Office has is Excel. Microsoft Excel 2007, again, is essentially the same thing as Excel 2003. The only update is that Microsoft Excel 2007 is more user-friendly. The formulas that are used in Excel can be accessed easier and are divided up into separate tabs according to what kind of for-

mulas they are, logical or formula. There's nothing new with Microsoft Excel that's worth your running out and buying a copy of Microsoft Office 2007. In the grand scheme of things, there are not enough upgrades with Microsoft Office 2007 that would warrant students acquire it. Essentially, Microsoft Office 2003 still gets the job done and is quite a bit smaller than the new edition. Some people with older model computers might find that the new 2007 edition will severely slow down their computers. Students shouldn't install the new version until they know their computers will run it and Microsoft Office.

Students, faculty encouraged to enter statewide podcasting competition

Thomas Fulcher  
Staff Writer

UTM is getting involved in the Tennessee Sandbox Digital Media Tournament, or "Podcasting Tournament." This is the first competition of its kind for the state. It is designed to encourage students and faculty to develop their computer expertise and take advantage of the new technology which universities are beginning to implement into their curriculum. Along with displaying their computer-savvy skills, contestants also get to utilize their knowledge of one of three topics: Service Learning, Course Concepts and Cultural Features. Contestants from UTM will be competing against entries from UT Knoxville, UT Chattanooga, Tennessee State, East Tennessee State, University of Memphis and Tennessee Tech. for \$100 prizes for each winner. The competition is sponsored by FedEx Institute, Apple and Echo Music. As a form of technology that is on the rise every-



Steve Holt, ITC Manager and UTM Webmaster, is the UTM contact for the Tennessee Sandbox Digital Media Tournament..

where, organizers of the competition hope it will encourage people to take advantage of podcasting in ways they may have not been involved with previously. The deadline for entries will be April 23 at 5 p.m. and campus winners will be chosen on April 30 with the winning podcasts then going on to compete with the winners from all over the state. Statewide winners are to be chosen this summer and be presented with prizes. The contest is open to both students and faculty of UTM and the other participating schools. Entries should be audio only in mp3 format and range between three to five minutes. Anyone interested in participating in the contest should contact Steve Holt for more information on creating and submitting a podcast.



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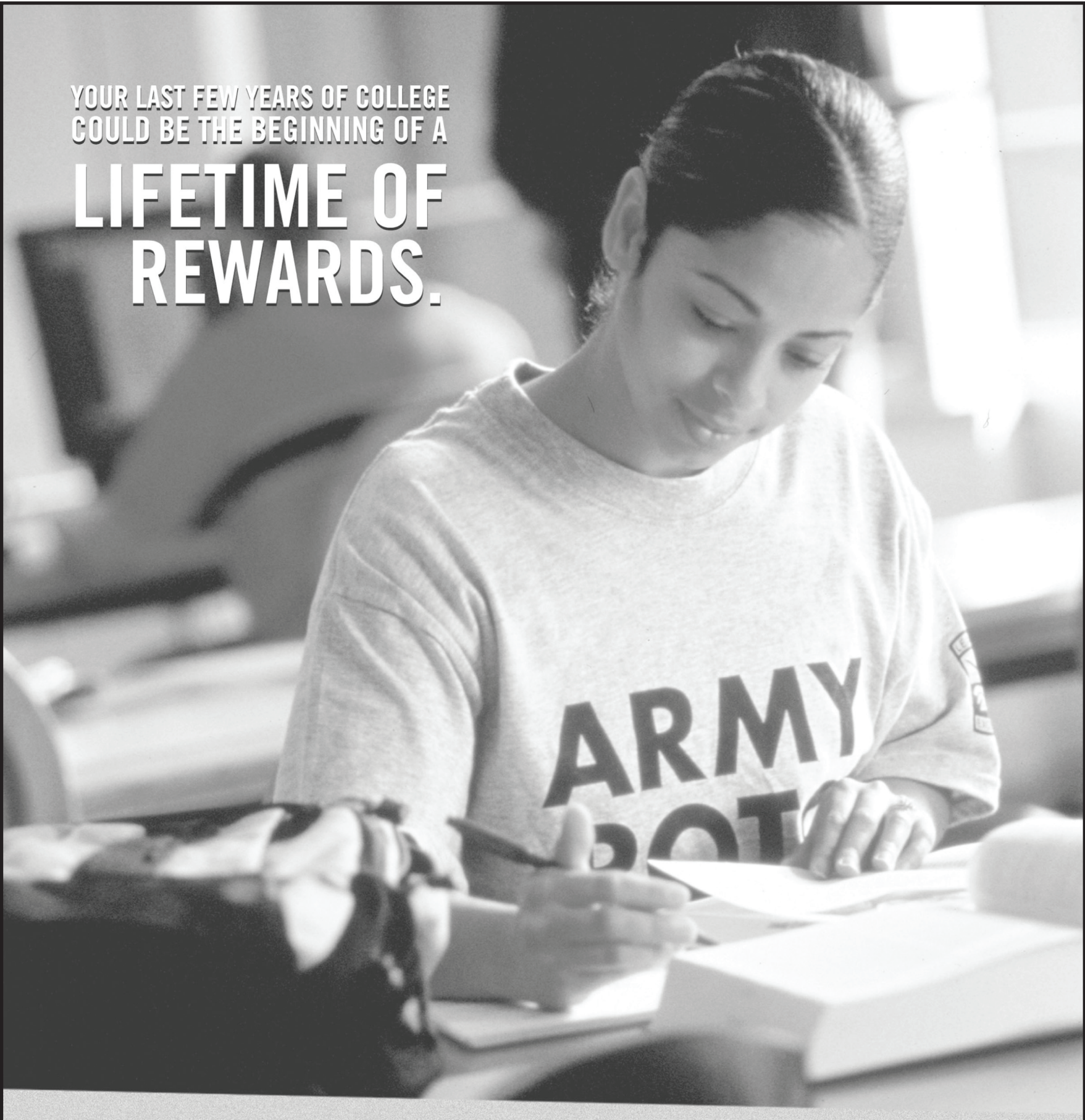
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## Baseball returns solid arms; offense to prove itself in '07

**Zane Gresback**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The goal is simple for the UTM baseball team in 2007. That goal is to make the OVC tournament for the first time since 1996 and the first time ever with the tournament held in Paducah, Ky.

This year, more than any, might be the Skyhawks' best chance to do just that.

Coming off a 20-win season in 2006, UTM returns all three conference starting pitchers. Seniors Adam Ledlow, Ryan Rockholt, and Jacob Smothers know what type of hitters the rest of the OVC will bring and it is nothing they have not faced before. Rockholt went 4-6 in his first year of Division I baseball since transferring from junior college in 2005. He led the entire staff with 53 strikeouts last season. Ledlow and Smothers might not have had the best records last season (2-10, 3-9 respectively) but they gave quality starts and pitched in close games that lacked run support.

Behind those three is a staff of quality relievers and new arms that should bring talent and depth. Senior Chadwick Cameron could rival any other closer in the league. He posted a 3.90 ERA last season with six

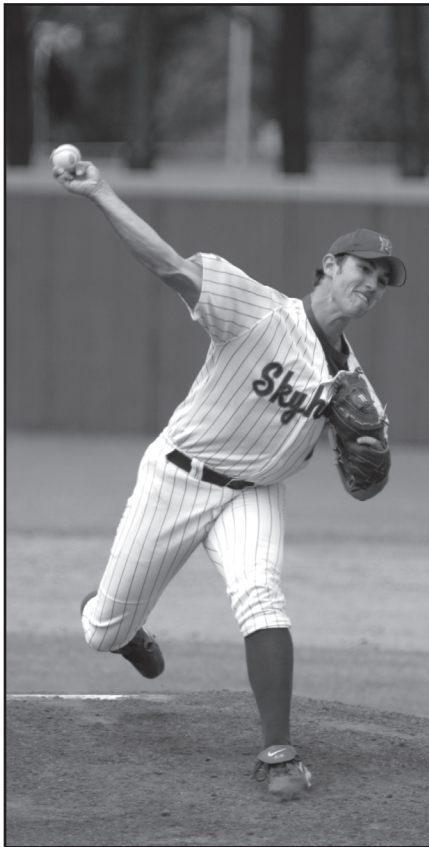
quality saves. Sophomore Eric Walker was named to the 2006 All-OVC Freshman Team for his 19 appearances and 3.70 ERA.

Other new faces will make appearances on the hill for the Skyhawks in 2007. The most anticipated newcomer is 6'6" lefthander Will Blackmon. A former draft choice of the Toronto Blue Jays in the 39th Round in 2003, Blackmon transfers to UTM as a junior. With so many other OVC teams bringing a standout lefty starter, Blackmon just might be the x-factor to offset them.

The old belief in baseball that good pitching beats good hitting is something the Skyhawks can be confident in. However, everyone knows you have to score runs to win. Run production has been hard to muster the last two seasons. Though UTM might have veteran starters, so does the rest of the OVC. Heralded starters Josh Ehmke of Samford and Eastern Kentucky's Christian Friedrich are just two of the great No. 1 starters that each team will throw at UTM this season.

A key to the Skyhawk offense in '07 will be the consistent bat of senior shortstop Lance Renton. Coming off of off-season shoulder surgery, Renton returns as the


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**Starting pitcher Ryan Rockholt, at left, and shortstop Lance Renton, above, are junior college transfers who had solid seasons their first year for the Skyhawks. Both seniors will be expected to lead this year's squad to improve on UTM's 20 wins in 2006. The Skyhawks open the 2007 season this weekend at Southeastern Louisiana of the Southland Conference.**


## 2007 Ohio Valley Conference baseball team capsules



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April 28-29 • 1 p.m.  
Martin

The Govs lost one of the most decorated pitchers in OVC history in Rowdy Hardy. A lefty arm like his will be hard to replace but they return a stellar offensive unit. Sophomore Ryan Gilboy was a First-Team All-OVC selection as a freshman and senior CF Rafael Hill will finally get his chance to have a breakout season. Hill's speed makes him the deadliest base-stealing threat in the league.


•Location: Clarksville	•2006 Overall Record: 32-27	•Last year, APSU swept UTM, 3-0, in Clarksville
•Mascot: Governors	•2006 OVC Record: 14-13	
•Colors: Red & White	•2006 OVC Finish: 5th	
•Coach: Gary McClure		



**Eastern Kentucky**  
April 6-7 • 1 p.m.  
Richmond

Two words: Christian Friedrich. The sophomore pitcher was named a Louisville Slugger preseason Third-Team All-American. He posted a 10-2 record in '06 and led the OVC in ERA (1.98) and strike outs per game (13). The strikeout mark ranked him second in the nation. He was also The 2006 OVC Freshman of the Year. The Colonels need to fill the void left by power-hitting giant Charlie Yarbrough (18 HR, 69 RBI) who was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 7th round in June. He was the 2006 OVC Player of the Year.


•Location: Richmond, Ky.	•2006 Overall Record: 29-26	•Last year, ECU swept UTM, 3-0, in Martin
•Mascot: Colonels	•2006 OVC Record: 16-10	
•Colors: Maroon & White	•2006 OVC Finish: 4th	
•Coach: Elvis Dominguez		



**Morehead State**  
April 14-15 • 1 p.m.  
Martin

This series will be the most heated matchup of any in the OVC. The Skyhawks should have swept last year's series at Morehead but left with a 1-2 series record. Don't think that the Eagles have forgotten about the 23-7 thumping the Skyhawks put on in the series' final game. Oh, not to mention the multiple ejections and suspensions that resulted from two bench clearings. Senior catcher Donald Cheney (12 HR, 36 RBI in '06) leads the Eagles in every aspect.


•Location: Morehead, Ky.	•2006 Overall Record: 17-36	•Last year, MSU won the series 2-1 over UTM in Morehead
•Mascot: Eagles	•2006 OVC Record: 8-18	
•Colors: Blue & Gold	•2006 OVC Finish: 9th	
•Coach: John Jarnagin		



**Samford**  
May 18 • noon  
May 19 • 1 p.m.  
Martin

Samford is predicted to finish on top of the OVC again. The defending regular season champs return dominating lefty pitcher Josh Ehmke and closer Joseph Edens. Ehmke went 11-2 in '06 and was a First-Team All-OVC selection. Edens accompanied Ehmke on the first-team ballot for his 11-save effort. Both pitchers are receiving national recognition and have the offense in front of them to make the Bulldogs one tough bunch.

•Location: Birmingham, Ala.	•2006 Overall Record: 34-25	•Last year, Samford won the series 2-1 over UTM in Birmingham
•Mascot: Bulldogs	•2006 OVC Record: 21-6	
•Colors: Red & Navy	•2006 OVC Finish: 1st	
•Coach: Casey Dunn		



**UT Martin**  
April 21-22 • 1 p.m.  
Cookeville

Last year, the Skyhawks won 20 games for the first time since joining the OVC. Can they continue to move in the right direction and reach the OVC tournament for the first time since 1996's first round exit? The starting rotation is solid and so is the bullpen. Newcomer Will Blackmon just might be what the Skyhawks have lacked for years - a shut down lefty starter. The offense is lead by senior shortstop Lance Renton. Can he return to '06 form coming off shoulder surgery? Expect junior catcher Chris Rezac to have his breakout season. A great non-conference schedule will prepare the Skyhawks for a tough OVC run.


•Location: Martin, Tenn.	•2006 Overall Record: 20-35	•Last year, UTM won the series 2-1 over TTU in Martin
•Mascot: Skyhawks	•2006 OVC Record: 9-18	
•Colors: Blue & Orange	•2006 Finish: 8th	
•Coach: Bubba Cates		



**Tennessee Tech**  
April 21-22 • 1 p.m.  
Cookeville

The Golden Eagles have been stuck in mediocrity over the last few seasons. Graduation and transfers depleted the talent of Matt Bragg's group. Senior catcher Steve Soper and junior Jake New are the bright spots. Soper returns from a 2006 season where he led the Golden Eagles with 8 HR. New hit a solid .340 in OVC play. Sophomore Stuart Meinhardt showed great promise in his first college season and was named to the All-OVC Freshman Team.


•Location: Cookeville	•2006 Overall Record: 18-36	•Last year, UTM won the series 2-1 over TTU in Martin
•Mascot: Golden Eagles	•2006 OVC Record: 11-16	
•Colors: Purple & Gold	•2006 OVC Finish: 7th	
•Coach: Matt Bragg		



**Eastern Illinois**  
March 31-April 1 • 1 p.m.  
Martin

This series last year was the one that got away from UTM. Played in poor weather, the Skyhawks did manage to leave Charleston with a win in the final game. EIU returns two sluggers expected to have big seasons. Seniors Mark Chagnon and Erik Huber are the 1-2 offensive punch that drove in 82 runs collectively in '06. Huber was selected by *Baseball America* as Preseason OVC Player of the Year. Good thing he is no stranger to Skyhawks pitchers.


•Location: Charleston, Ill.	•2006 Overall Record: 31-24	•Last year, EIU won the series 2-1 over UTM in Charleston
•Mascot: Panthers	•2006 OVC Record: 17-10	
•Colors: Blue and Grey	•2006 OVC Finish: 3rd	
•Coach: Jim Schmitz		



**Jacksonville State**  
May 12-13 • 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville

The Gamecocks are consistently one of the best power hitting teams in the OVC and 2007 looks to be the same. Seniors Nick Cleckler and Garrett Bass both have major pop. Cleckler hit .369 in '06 and was First-Team All-OVC. Bass is an intimidating free swinger who belted 7 HR last season and hit over .300. The OVC Tourney champs are led on the mound by junior Donovan Hand. Hand was a Second-Team All-OVC selection in '06 who went 9-5 with a 2.82 ERA.


•Location: Jacksonville, Ala.	•2006 Overall Record: 35-34	•Last year, JSU swept UTM, 3-0, in Martin
•Mascot: Gamecocks	•2006 OVC Record: 19-8	
•Colors: Red & Black	•2006 OVC Finish: 2nd	
•Coach: Jim Case		



**Murray State**  
May 5-6 • 1 p.m.  
Martin

2006 was a forgettable year for the 'Breds. A last place OVC finish and only 15 wins is something to improve upon. Seniors Jason Payton and Tyler Pittman are the top returning hitters. Despite the poor record last season, coach Rob McDonald's squad won the series with UTM, 2-1 and were in the OVC Tournament chase until the end. Murray State should know more than anyone in the OVC that anything can happen on any given weekend.


•Location: Murray, Ky.	•2006 Overall Record: 15-40	•Last year, Murray State won the series 2-1 in Murray
•Mascot: Thoroughbreds	•2006 OVC Record: 8-19	
•Colors: Navy & Gold	•2006 OVC Finish: 10th	
•Coach: Rob McDonald		



**Southeast Missouri State**  
March 24-25 • 1 p.m.  
Cape Girardeau

UTM swept SEMO to start the 2006 OVC season. SEMO stayed consistent and made the OVC tournament, UTM did not. After being in last place for several weeks, the Redhawks rallied to clinch the final tourney spot. First-Team All-OVC catcher Levi Olson is gone but returning is the potent offensive threat, Omar Padilla. The Redhawks also have a pair of Big 12 transfers - OF Matt Wulfers (Missouri) and 1B Matt Wagner (Nebraska) - who should be more than just role players.

•Location: Cape Girardeau, Mo.	•2006 Overall Record: 23-33	•Last year, UTM swept SEMO, 3-0, in Martin
•Mascot: Redhawks	•2006 OVC Record: 11-16	
•Colors: Red and Black	•2006 OVC Finish: 6th	
•Coach: Mark Hogan		



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## Former Mets player, cancer survivor speaks at First Pitch dinner

**Jason Bohanan**  
Distribution Manager

Ed Hearn's plan to impact the lives of others was similar to that of countless professional athletes.

The former New York Mets catcher wanted to be a role model. Little did Hearn know, his life after baseball would inspire many more than his on-field career.

The major leaguer turned motivational speaker brought a message of perseverance and making the best of situations to the UTM baseball team and supporters Saturday at the second annual First Pitch dinner and silent auction.

"I think maybe the jist of his message was about perseverance. You get knocked down a lot of times and you have to keep swinging. I think he's a reflection of that, too," baseball coach Bubba Cates said.

Hearn, a rookie when the Mets won the 1986 World Series, speaks to about 50 groups per year, with audiences ranging from doctors and nurses to garage door makers. While Hearn earns a living through his career, his mission is to impact others with stories of his experiences.

"That's how I like to connect to the audience is through stories. The greatest teachers in the history of the world have connected with people through stories," Hearn says.

"It's totally about making a positive difference in the lives of the people. I consider that to be much larger, much more important [than baseball]."

Although he tailors his messages to specific audiences, Hearn often speaks about the importance of perseverance, taking risks, dealing with change and other topics.

"Everybody faces change and everybody faces challenges. You don't find out about yourself until you go through challenges," Hearn says.

He would know. Since being traded to the Kansas City Royals in 1987, Hearn has faced more than his share of trials. The trials began in Kansas City, where Hearn played only a few games before enduring a career-ending shoulder in-

jury.

"I thought that was about as tough as things could get in life. That's the perspective I had," he says.

The toughest parts were still to come, however. In 1991, Hearn was diagnosed with severe sleep apnea and focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, a condition that eventually caused kidney failure. The next year he received the first of three kidney transplants.

Hearn also faced multiple cases of skin cancer, one of which developed into an internal tumor that required surgery and six weeks of radiation therapy.

The medications and treatments took their toll. In 1993, Hearn contemplated suicide with a .357 magnum in his basement. Faith, family and perspective, what Hearn calls the "knots at the end of the rope", helped him hang on.

"God says he'll never give us anymore than we can handle," Hearn says.

"Perspective helps you understand a little better what's really important in life. I know one day I'll spend eternity in a place called heaven with my maker. That's perspective."

Hearn eventually received two more kidney transplants, with the third and final coming in May 2002.

Despite an assortment of medications and a monthly IV. infusion designed to boost his immune system, Hearn still has struggles.

"I feel older than I am. On the average day I feel like I'm 65 physically," says Hearn, now 46.

"I haven't felt normal since I was a junior or senior in high school."

Although he admits there have been times he wished many of his trials never occurred, Hearn says that's no longer the case.

"He's not looking behind him, except maybe to count his blessings. He's looking ahead and I think we [the UTM baseball team] need to be like that," Cates says.

"I was destined to be more than just another professional athlete. God's plan, if you want to call it destiny, was for me to be more than a major league baseball player," Hearn says.

"It sure wasn't my game plan."

## Woodfork humble despite successes

**Brad Hurt**  
Sports Editor

For Skyhawk center Cleve Woodfork, becoming the 12th player in school history to reach the 1,000-point career scoring plateau is quite an accomplishment.

Woodfork, a 6-9 St. Louis native, reached the milestone early in the Skyhawks' 82-74 loss at Tennessee Tech on Feb. 1.

While achieving such a lofty goal might lead some to brag or hold their noses in the air, Woodfork recognizes that he is joining an elite club of Skyhawk athletes.

"I think it's a great honor to score 1,000 points on this level with all of the great athletes. Joining the 1,000 point club here at UTM is not something that happens around here often. I'm just happy that I'm going to leave my mark on the university," he says.

Woodfork is in his fourth year with the Skyhawks as a fifth-year senior after spending a year at Christian Faith Prep School in North Carolina. During his high school playing days, Woodfork starred at Riverview Gardens in St. Louis where he helped lead the team to a conference championship.

Although he established himself as a solid offensive contributor early in his Skyhawk career, Woodfork now bears the extra weight of holding a leadership position on the team. As an experienced post player, he accumulated impressive statistics in his first two years with the Skyhawks.

Woodfork started 24

games as a sophomore, finishing second on the team in rebounding and field goal percentage. As a junior he led the team in field goal percentage by shooting a blistering 55 percent from the floor.

Just like last year, when former Skyhawk guard and Louisville native Jeremy Kelly wowed his hometown fans in the season opener, Woodfork got the chance to play in front of familiar faces earlier this season. The Skyhawks traveled to St. Louis University to face the Billikens of the Atlantic Ten Conference on Dec. 16, falling 77-53.

Woodfork handled the pressure of playing in a familiar environment well,

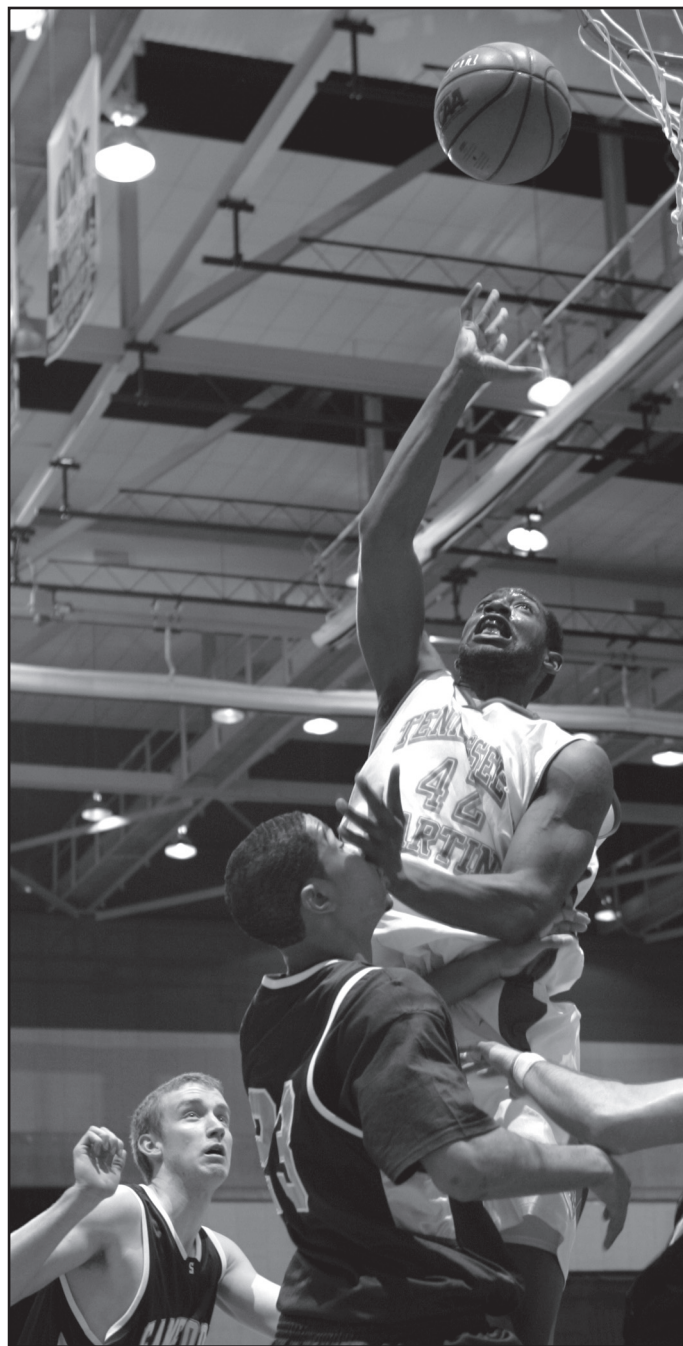
"It was an honor to go back home and play. My family was really happy to get a chance to see me play basketball but I wish the outcome would have been different," he says.

Once his playing days come to an end, Woodfork would like to continue to cater to his love for the game of basketball and help a future generation at the same time.

"I want to continue playing basketball for as long as I can then come back to school and get my master's and become a college coach," he says.

In order to prepare himself for his future occupation, Woodfork has soaked up as much of Coach Bret Campbell's teaching as possible.

"I would have an up-tempo style, scoring a lot of points and forcing turnovers. He has influenced me a lot," he says.



Trevor Ruszkowski/ UTM Sports Information

**Skyhawk senior center Cleve Woodfork passed the 1,000-point career scoring plateau in a recent game. Although he has had individual success on the court, Woodfork remains focused on the team as a whole and his future career as a coach. The St. Louis native, who starred at Riverview Gardens High School and Christian Faith Prep School before coming to UTM, is averaging 10.1 points and 5.0 rebounds per game.**

### Baseball:

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Skyhawks' leading hitter. He hit .309 last season with 10 doubles and 2 HR.

After Renton, the list of experienced bats is short. Douglas Nicodemus is a four-year starter who provided clutch hitting for the Skyhawks last season. Junior catcher Chris Rezahek is ready for a breakout year. Rezahek has been a consistent hitter his first two seasons but with the graduation of catcher Brett Spivy, Rezahek has to step in and be a real source of power. Defensively, he is one of the best catchers in the OVC. Base stealers know better than to test Rezahek's arm that threw out 29 of 71 runners last season.

The most depleted and

inexperienced part of the Skyhawks is the outfield. Junior Blake Turner is the only returning starter. Kyle Dudley and Albert Destrade are newcomers that will be thrown into the outfield mix early and often.

Kevin Holt and Bruce Carden saw limited time in their first year but will also get a chance to shine. Holt was the team's hottest hitter at the beginning of 2006. Perhaps a DH spot will be available for him.

Head coach Bubba Cates' group opens the 2007 campaign at Southeastern Louisiana Friday, Feb. 16, in Hammond, La. They will play a three-game series. The Lions are no joke this year as they beat nationally ranked No. 16 Tulane two out of three games to start the season.

After the opening week-

end, games versus quality nonconference opponents keep coming.

Missouri Valley Conference upstart Bradley comes to Martin Feb. 24-25 for the opening home series. The headliner of nonconference teams on this year's schedule is the defending SEC champion, Kentucky Wildcats. The trip to Lexington will truly test the talent of the Skyhawks going into OVC play.

There are no outrageous

expectations for the 2007 Skyhawks. The OVC predicts them to finish ninth out of 10 teams. Good thing they know that anyone in the OVC can be beaten at any time.

Preseason predictions in the OVC never stay true by season's end. If UTM can avoid a spell like losing 11 of their final 14 games in 2006, a slot in the top six might be a reality and so will an OVC tournament berth.



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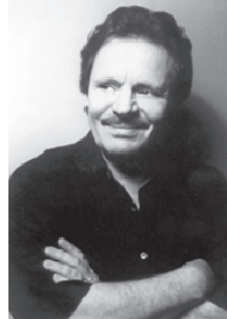
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